



THE OREDIGGER

Volume 87, Issue 5

November 1, 2006

TO INFORM, EDUCATE AND ENTERTAIN THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES THROUGH SUPERIOR JOURNALISM

World News in Brief

Saddam Hussein's defense lawyer walks out of the court room once again, after his demands were not met.

Spiritual leader to tens of millions of Nigerian Muslims, Mohammadu Maccido, died Sunday in an airliner crash, along with 96 other people. He was 58.

After vandals torched a bus in southern France, the Prime Minister vowed to impose harsher punishment for the perpetrators.

The new Brazilian president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva won in a landslide, but corruption scandals and thin support in Congress could hinder his agenda.

St. Louis took the title of most dangerous city in the country because of a rise in violent crime in the Midwest.

Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian Prime Minister, has been ordered to stand trial on corruption charges.

Queen guitarist Brian May plans to launch a new book on astronomy.

Sexsomnia, a medical condition where the sufferer makes sexual advances towards others while asleep, has researchers baffled.



Courtesy www.wikipedia.com

The new Hamilton Building projects its obtuse construction over downtown Denver. Recently completed, the addition to the Denver Art Museum contains several levels of art ranging from ancient to contemporary pieces. Visitors can also see some new sculptures outside on the walks surrounding the buildings.

DAM, More Art

By Juliana Sipeki
Business Manager

The Hamilton Building, the newest addition to the Denver Art Museum, is now open to the general public for art exhibits.

The Denver Art Museum is part of the Civic Center Cultural Complex, located on 13th and Broadway, in downtown Denver. With an ID, a student can enter for \$8.

The Denver Art Museum has eight floors open, covered in exhibits from African to Modern art. Also, the

addition itself is an attraction. The Hamilton Building spans 146,000 square feet and lends 40% additional space to the art museum.

\$62.5 million of the funding for the Hamilton Building was approved by voters in 1999. In addition, the museum raised an additional \$28 million for construction.

Visionary architect Daniel Libeskind was hired for this job. "I was inspired by the light and the geology of the Rockies, but most of all by

Please see DAM on Page 2

Sinking Again

By Katie Kocman
Staff Reporter

Signs of the sinkhole by the sorority houses are appearing again!

The construction of the sorority houses was completed in 2004. The three homes have been built on an area that is known to have a few sink holes. Mike Bowker, a licensed Professional Engineer, has been dealing with this problem. "The houses are built on stable sandstone and not over the sinkholes," said Bowker. In fact, in order to build the center house, a jack hammer had to be used because the ground is 100% rock. Even though the houses seem to be stable, areas surrounding them are at risk.

The area where the sorority homes, IM fields, and the freshman parking lot are located was previously mined for clay. There are sandstone layers

and the clay was mined out in between these layers. Since then, these voids have been backfilled.

However, the fill was not compacted properly so the soil remains soft. Another theory is that there used to be a coal mine in this area. No evidence of a mine has been found, just a lot of soft fill. Bowker stated, "Before the houses were built, exploratory holes were drilled in order to evaluate the soil and nothing unusual was found".

The first problem that appeared was during construction of the homes. Some asphalt cracked and fell in about two feet. Fortunately, the only utility built in the road is a storm sewer. Initially it was thought there could have been a leak in the pipe. The storm water drain was replaced and a liner

Please see HOLE on Page 2

Canning Hunger



Courtesy Student Activities
2005's 'Castle of Cans' Competition at CSM. Please see page 4 for more on this year's event.

EPICS Tackles the Real World

Mars Rovers and Solar Tech on the list for student teams

By Lily Giddings
Staff Reporter

The Engineering Practices Introductory Course Sequence (EPICS) here at Mines is one of the most unique aspects of the curriculum. Students are given problem, which they must solve within limits stated by a client.

The EPICS I project for this semester is to create an excavation rover for a Mars mission. The projected goal for this project is that the rover

might eventually get sent to Mars in preparation for a manned mission for habitation of Mars. It is impractical for astronauts to bring all the supplies they would need for habitation with them, so the rover should be capable of digging up soil for processing to produce water and necessary minerals.

EPICS II projects encompass a wide range of options. Individual sponsors have approached the program to find solutions to their particular problems. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has stu-

dent groups working on a new solar tracker for solar panels that will be more practical than current models.

Eco-cycle wants students to experiment with different ideas to turn the large recycling bins on trucks into miniature processing units. This idea could completely revolutionize recycling for places where not enough waste is produced to warrant a full-scale processing plant for recycling material.

Nationally, NASA is sponsoring the RASC-AL contest, where students

present an idea for the habitation of Mars. For this contest, students must produce a plan for such habitation in a report, and if their plan is selected they will have to present their idea.

According to Dr. Bob Knecht, head of the EPICS department, "This will help students realize that the stuff we do in the program actually mimics the real world. NASA's process for projects is very similar to the way we do things here."

Please see EPICS on Page 2

NEWS 16

ENTERTAINMENT 7

RECSPORTS 4

CLUBS 17

SPECIAL 10

SPORTS 2

FEATURES 13

EDITORIALS 18

MINER'S NOTES 20

Red Letter Day for Cards



Courtesy Sports Illustrated

Game 1

The Detroit Tigers may have scored the first run of the World Series, but the St. Louis Cardinals quickly answered back. Tigers fireballer Justin Verlander gave up seven runs in five innings of pitching. St. Louis garnered a spectacular performance out of rookie pitcher Anthony Reyes who only gave up two runs and one walk over eight innings. St. Louis also received contributions from sluggers Albert Pujols and Scott Rolen who each homered off of Verlander early on in the game.

Game 2

Tigers' pitcher Kenny Rogers continued to give his Christy Mawtheson impression by extending his scoreless streak to three postseason games. However, Game 2 was more about controversy than anything else. Late in the first inning, Cardinals manager Tony La Russa asked the umpires to check Rogers' hand for a foreign substance. Upon inspection, umpires discovered a brown spot on the palm of Rogers' pitching hand. Claiming it was just dirt, Rogers promptly washed his hands and continued to pitch brilliantly.



Courtesy Sports Illustrated

Game 3

The Cardinals gave their fans something to cheer about at the first World Series game hosted in the new Busch Stadium. St. Louis' Chris Carpenter gave a brilliant eight inning three hit shutout performance--A feat that only Roger Clemens and Greg Maddux have accomplished over the past 20 World Series. The potent Detroit offense was silenced with Ivan Rodriguez, Placido Polanco, Carlos Guillen, and Magglio Ordonez going hit less on the night.



Courtesy Sports Illustrated

Game 4

After a day postponement due to rain, Game 4 proved to be a wild one. Detroit jumped to an early lead with the help of 1B Sean Casey who went 3-4 on the night with a home run and two RBI. But thanks to some late inning heroics by Cardinal's David Eckstein and a few Detroit fielding errors, St. Louis was able to roar back and snatch victory from the Tigers.



Courtesy Sports Illustrated

Game 5

St. Louis silenced the critics who said they didn't belong in the World Series by winning it all. Game 5's heroes included the likes of Jeff Weaver and World Series MVP David Eckstein, two players that had been virtually left for dead by their previous teams. Catcher Yadier Molina continued to show that he thrives under postseason pressure by getting hits at crucial times. Detroit committed two more fielding errors that raised the series total to eight.



Courtesy Sports Illustrated



Courtesy ESPN

St. Louis Cardinals Upset Tigers to Win First World Series in 24 Years

By Bruce Bugbee
Sports Editor

Baseball has once again proven that there is never a "sure thing." With Friday's victory over the heavy favorite Detroit Tigers, the St. Louis Cardinals became world champions for the first time since 1982.

The St. Louis Cardinals, a team that after the All-Star break had a worse record than the Pirates, a team that nearly blew an 8 1/2 game lead in September, a team that only won 83 games was able to soundly defeat the Tigers team that blew through

the powerhouse A's and Yankees. This is the same team that had the 13th best record in baseball, but still managed to beat the Padres and the Mets, both of whom were NL powerhouses this season.

When asked about his team's improbable success, St. Louis GM Walt Jocketty responded, "Isn't it great?"

Coming into this postseason, the Cardinals were a shadow of the team

that in the past struck fear in the hearts of opponents everywhere. Closer Jason Isringhausen was out for the season with a hip injury, perennial sluggers Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen were struggling at the plate, and the Cardinals pitching staff was a mess due to injuries and lackluster performances.

But all that seemed to disappear as soon as October rolled around. The same Cardinals who analysts had pegged

as a dead fish, held their opponents to a .113 batting average with runners in scoring positions and two outs. That same pitching staff that was a mess held the 95-wins New York Mets to a .231 batting average during the NLCS. They then went on to hold the Tigers to a .199 batting average in the World Series.

The Cardinals had their fair share of luck as well, most notably due to Detroit's defensive mistakes. Between their pitching staff and 3B Brandon Inge, Detroit committed eight errors that accounted for eight unearned runs. This was first time in postseason history a pitching staff committed

fielding errors in at least four consecutive games.

The Cardinals became the seventh different team to win the World Series over the past seven years. This is the first time that this has ever happened in the history of Major League Baseball.

When World Series MVP David Eckstein was asked about how it felt to be apart of the championship team, he responded, "That just goes to show you why this is the best game in the world. This just goes to prove again that anything's possible."

"This just goes to show you why this game is the best in the world. This just goes to prove again that anything is possible"

Orediggers Squeak by in RMAC Nailbiter

CSM Victory Showcases Defensive Fireworks

CSM 20, UNK 14

Courtesy CSM Athletics

The Colorado School of Mines football team outscored Nebraska-Kearney, 13-2, in the final quarter and defeated the Lopers, 20-14, in Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference action Saturday afternoon at Ron and Carol Cope Stadium at Foster Field.

The Orediggers trailed, 12-7, heading into the fourth quarter, but used a 17-yard scoring run by senior running back Bryan Florendo with 13:50 to play and a 42-yard fumble return by freshman safety Ben Tiller to claim a 20-12 lead with 11:14 to play in the game.

Neither team would score again until UNK's Sir Keevin Hardiman tackled Florendo in the end zone for a safety with 1:06 to play in the game. The play was set up when CSM sophomore cornerback Drew Ferren intercepted a Kevin Arbuckle pass at the CSM 1-yard line with 2:07 to play. The Orediggers ran two offensive plays before the safety on third down.

After the free kick, UNK marched to the CSM five-yardline with 20 seconds left. However, the Oredigger defense allowed a 1-yard pass, an in-

complete pass and junior cornerback Ryan Lavergne then tackled Arbuckle for a three yard loss on third down as the clock ran out to secure the Oredigger win.

Florendo ran 25 times for 118 yards and a touchdown, while senior quarterback Garrett Mehl completed 18-of-28 passes for 106 yards and also ran for a touchdown. Junior receiver Michael Curl caught a career-high 10 passes for 67 yards.

Senior linebacker Danny Sprague led the defense, which produced three turnovers, with a game-best 10 tackles. Junior defensive end Marin Richardson added seven tackles and 1.5 sacks, while Ferren tallied six stops, two pass breakups and an interception.

Arbuckle finished 20-of-38 for 188 yards, one touchdown and two picks, while Eric Myrick caught 10 passes for 87 yards. Cheikh Fall led the UNK defense with 10 tackles.

CSM will return to action next Saturday when it hosts Mesa State at 12:00 pm at Brooks Field. The game can be seen live online



Courtesy Chase Hoffman

Receiver Michael Curl helped Mines capture a much needed RMAC win with 10 catches Saturday

Mines Soccer All Stars

Courtesy CSM Athletics

The Colorado School of Mines men's soccer team placed six players on the 2006 All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Team as announced by the league office on Wednesday afternoon.

Earning First Team accolades were junior forward Craig Thompson senior goalkeeper Kevin Galloway and senior midfielder Travis Hutchinson.

CSM was one of three teams, along with Fort Lewis and CSU-Pueblo to have three players on the First Team.

Garnering spots on the Second Team were senior defender Brian Law , junior midfielder Nick Kubala and sophomore midfielder Masaki Hemmi .

In addition, ninth-year Head Coach Frank Kohlenstein was honored as the 2006 RMAC Co-Coach of the Year after guiding the Orediggers to a 13-6-1 overall record and second place in the RMAC at 9-3. It is the fourth time he has won the award after earning the honor in 2000, 2001 and 2002. He shared the award with Fort Lewis coach Jeremy Gunn.

Thompson earned his first selection to the All-RMAC Team after leading the team with 11 goals and four assists for 26 points. He scored three game-winning goals.

Galloway is making his third appearance on the All-RMAC Team and second on the First Team (2004). He has logged more than 1,567 minutes in goal and has posted 72 saves, five shutouts, a .818 save percentage and a 0.92 goals against average. He is the



Courtesy CSM Athletics

Junior forward Craig Ferguson was one of six Orediggers to earn all RMAC honors this season

CSM career leader in shutouts (22) and saves (324).

Hutchinson is making his first appearance on the All-RMAC Team. A mainstay in the CSM midfield over the last two years, he has tallied three assists.

Law is also making his first appearance on the All-RMAC Team after finishing second on the team with seven goals and two assists for 16 points. Hemmi, the 2005 RMAC

Freshman of the Year, totaled five points on one goal and three assists for his first selection to the All-RMAC Team, while Kubala's selection to the team was also his first after scoring one goal and dishing out one assist.

CSM qualified for the RMAC Tournament for the seventh straight season and will begin play on Friday at 11:30 am against Metro State in Durango. The championship is slated for Sunday at 1:00 pm.

Orediggers Treading Water

Mines Swimming and Diving Split Weekend Duel Meet



Courtesy CSM Athletics

Joe Amdahl's strong effort helped the CSM split the weekend

Courtesy CSM Athletics

The men's and women's swim teams both finished 2-2 this weekend at the University of Denver's dual meet. Both the men's and women's teams were scored up against four separate teams. These teams included Metro State, Colorado College, The Air Force Academy and The University of Denver.

The men finished the meet beating two of the four teams, they scored victories over both Colorado College and Metro State, while they fell short to both Air Force and DU. Mines beat CC 136-54 and Metro

107-85. Air Force beat the Orediggers 142-52 while DU scored a 163-53 win.

The women finished the same as the men, beating CC 144-38 and Metro 131-36 and falling to Air Force 147-62 and DU 141-64.

The men's team was led by Freshman Jon Amdahl's third place finish in the 50 yard Freestyle, his time of 21.77 was third behind Denver's Michael Peterson who won the race in a time of 21.35.

For the women, Freshman Andrea Casias finished third in the 100 yard Backstroke with a time of 1:03.72 just two seconds off of the winning time of 1:01.47. Teammate, Heidi Huem also faired well in this event, finishing sixth in a time of 1:06.28. Huem's best race of the day however came in the 100 Yard Butterfly, as she barely finished third with a time of 1:02.87 compared to first place's time of 1:02.21.

Also competing well for the women were Renee Rainguet and Angel Forsling, the two finished fourth and fifth in the 200 Yard Individual Medley. Rainguet's time of 2:19.81 put her just one second infront of Forslings's 2:20.97.

Next for the swim teams will be November 11.

CSM Cycling



Courtesy Matt Matteson

Iris Tomlinson proudly shows off her wound

By Konrad Klett
Asst. Sports Editor

The CSM cycling team is one of the best division two teams in the country, ranked second in national qualification points.

In fact, they competed in the Collegiate National Championship in Angel Fire, New Mexico. The team competes all year round with Mountain biking in the fall, and Road in the spring.

It is relatively large with 70 members and 35 active racers. While their orientation meeting is at the beginning of the school year, they are always open to new people. Most of their active racers had never raced before coming to Mines.

The team had a total of nine podium finishes this season alone and there is no sign of them having any less continued success.

One of their riders, Tom Danielson, broke the Lookout Mountain record with 16:02, a full minute better than the old record. Another rider,

Scott Moninger, broke 250 wins at the 2006 Oredigger classic.

If you are interested, go to http://www.mines.edu/stu_life/organ/bike/. Their recent successes include:

- Short Track
 - Brady Kappius, 2nd Place
 - Melissa Marts, 6th Place
 - Karl Smith, 25th Place
- Mountain Cross
 - Jess Pedersen, 2nd Place
 - Nick Zuzelski, 3rd Place
 - Brandon Turman, 5th Place
 - Melissa Marts, 10th Place
- Cross Country
 - Brady Kappius, 3rd Place
 - Melissa Marts, 15th Place
- Downhill
 - Jess Pedersen, 2nd Place
 - Nick Zuzelski, 3rd Place
 - Brandon Turman, 6th Place
 - Nathan Work, 9th Place
 - Melissa Marts, 13th Place
- Individual Omnium
 - Brady Kappius, 4th Place
- Team Omnium
 - Colorado School of Mines, 5th

ORC Specials

Discount Rental Weekend: Friday, November 3rd through Monday, November 6th

When you rent gear from Friday to Monday, you'll **SAVE A BUNCH OF CASH** and get the gear you need! For every \$5 you spend renting gear for the weekend you save a dollar. That's right, spend \$10 bucks but only pay \$8. It's that simple. This special is only good for Friday to Monday rentals. Don't miss out on this sweet deal!

Ski Tuning Special: November 6th – 10th

It's go time! The resorts are opening and **ski season is here!!!** We are so excited about ski season that we have decided to give everyone a great deal on tuning and waxing. Bring in your gear and let us get you ready for another great year on the slopes. Bring your skis or board in between Monday the 6th and Friday the 10th, and we will hand tune and wax them for **ONLY \$12**. Don't miss out on this super cheap deal! Equipment will be completed on a first come, first serve basis. **Sorry, we will not accept equipment for the special until Monday morning.**

Mines Judo



Oredigger

The Mines Judo Club smiles for their picture just before class

By Konrad Klett
Asst. Sport Editor

We all know there are a ton of martial arts classes at the Colorado School of Mines, one of them is Judo. The Judo club practices every Monday and Wednesday night from 6:15 to 8:15 on the wrestling mats in the field house. It can be taken as a class for PA credit or if you don't need the gym credit you can just join the club and practice with them.

The club/class is run by Sensei Richard Mignona, who got his undergraduate degree in Mining at CSM. As you may know, Judo is a sort of Japanese wrestling with its roots in Jiu-jitsu. Judo was founded in 1882 by Jigoro Kano and is really considered

more of a sport derived from a martial art than a fighting art in its own right. The word Judo even means "The Gentle Way".

The club at Mines has a whole range of belt colors, mostly white belts which is the lowest, including a good number of black belts. When was the last time you got your butt handed to you by someone twice your age? A lot of wrestlers, good ones, come to Judo and find that their style is not quite what is needed for success in Judo. Personally I've seen and participated in many a martial arts class and while I'm sure they all have their advantages, Judo was by far the most physically challenging.

Many sophomores come to Judo practice in order to get their PA credit

taken care of only to find that it is by no means an easy class. The first month or two sees much attrition. By the time spring semester rolls around, the class is maybe half the size.

Mines has only been to one tournament so far this year. Eight members competed in the Novice and Developmental Tournament at the Denver Buddhist Temple. Sam Barkat, a green belt, won best technique.

The next tournament is scheduled for Nov. 18 at Englewood High School, and the next is the Brian Olson Winter Classic in Boulder on Dec. 2. Judo is a great sport with some very useful knowledge for the real world. If you would like to know more, e-mail Sensei Mignona at rich.mignona@gmail.com.

Wet 'n Wild



Courtesy CSM Kayak Club

The Mines kayaking club show off their skills in some white water, courtesy CSM kayak club

By Konrad Klett
Asst. Sports Editor

Every Monday night from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. in the Volk Gymnasium, the CSM Kayak Club practices in the pool. So if you want to learn how to kayak without breaking the bank, you should definitely join.

The club has plenty of its own equipment so even if you've never kayaked or you just don't have all the equipment you need, you can still come to practice and have a great time.

The dues are only \$20 a year which is a complete bargain compared with how much kayak lessons usually cost. The club officially has 120 members, but there are usually only 12 - 20 active members at any given time. There are least thirty regular members.

The club recently went on a trip to Gore Canyon and they constantly go to different creeks or rivers throughout the year, particularly in the spring.

Of course they love to go down to Clear Creek. They are currently planning on a Spring Break trip to

Arizona or Utah.

Also in the spring are various inter-collegiate races against various other schools in Colorado and Wyoming.

Something you probably didn't know is that you can get EPICS II credit for racing in the spring.

Doesn't that sound a lot more fun than giving a bunch of presentations? For more information, go to their official website at http://www.mines.edu/stu_life/organ/kayak/index.html.

Legendary Lacrosse

By Konrad Klett
Asst. Sports Editor

Most of us know someone on the Mines legendary men's Lacrosse team. Though only a division II team, they have been known to hold their own against division I teams. They have an amazing team dynamic which definitely helps the way they play together. Their head coach, Dan Hunter, received the RMLC division B coach of the year award last year. Although the season really kicks off during the spring semester, the team is still busting their buns during the fall to improve themselves.

The team truly showed what they are made of on the weekend of the ninth this month. After tying the game with Metro State with only thirty seconds to go in regulation, they then went on to annihilate them within sixteen seconds of sudden death. They also faced off against Fort Lewis and Western State without success, but fought fiercely all the same.

Mines played at the CSU Invitational Round Robin on the fifteenth. The first game was versus CSU, special because the Mines team captain, Mike Stone has a brother on that team. CSU won the game and the two are no longer brothers, I kid of course. This loss was still an improvement for them as they lost 1-20 the last time they played but only 2-8 most recently. The next game was against DU's club team and it ended in a tie 4-4 after an uneventful overtime.



Courtesy CSM Lacrosse Club

The Lacrosse Team lines up for their picture on another beautiful Golden day,

game or known one of their players, you know it is an awesome sport. It is, in fact, the fastest growing sport in the nation. Mines has even gotten itself a woman's lacrosse team. So come on out and see our Miners show other schools how real men play the game! To find out more go to their official website at http://www.mines.edu/stu_life/organ/lax/HomePage.html.

Frisbee Champs

By Chase Hoffman
Asst. Editor in Chief

On Oct. 20, a new group of champions were crowned in intramural ultimate Frisbee. MP took the battling through Disc Jockeys another favored team. MP moved through the lower bracket with ease while Disc Jockeys had to go through The Wild Cucamongas who were also heavily favored.

Unfortunately for the Cucamongas, they were plagued with untimely injuries preventing their run to the finals. A day before the final round

of games, two Cucamongas who are also roommates were victim to a small kitchen fire which burned their legs thus preventing them to play. Caleb Rust and Curtis Ridenour are key handlers and receivers leaving the team shorthanded. On top of that, Jeff Babbitt, their leading receiver, suffered a minor ankle injury held him back. Falling the Disc Jockeys, they were unable to challenge MP for the championship.

IM Schedule

Swim Meet (M/W)	Kickball (Open)
Deadline: 11/16	Deadline: 11/2
Tourney: 11/18	Tourney: 11/5
NBA Live '07 (Open)	Texas Hold 'Em (Open)
Deadline: 11/16	Deadline: 11/2
Tourney: 11/19	Tourney: 11/6
Monster Dodgeball (M/W)	Table Tennis – Singles (M/W)
Deadline: 11/16	Deadline: 11/9
Tourney: 11/28	Tourney: 11/15



GOLDEN
303-278-7241

Use your **BlasterCard** and receive a **FREE** order of Domino's Breadsticks*!

*Cinna Stix, Cheesy Bread or Brownies NOT Valid w/ offer

Please have your **C W I D #** available when placing your order

Mines SPECIALS

\$4.99 – One Small 1-topping pizza + a 20oz Coke®
\$6.99 – One Large 1-topping pizza

NEW! - ADD A SIDE OF GARLIC DIP SAUCE FOR \$0.50

*MINES SPECIALS valid ALL day EVERY day!!



Buy **ANY** Pizza at regular menu price and receive a 2nd pizza of equal or lesser value **FREE**

Wacky WEDNESDAY

One Pizza with up to 3 – toppings
Small - \$5.99 Medium - \$6.99
Large - \$8.99

3 'er' THURSDAY

3 Medium 1-topping pizzas for **\$5 EACH**
*Minimum of 3 ordered to get special price

FREE! DOMINO'S BREAD STICKS FRIDAY

Buy a Large 1-topping pizza for \$9.99 & receive an order of Breadsticks for **FREE**



Hours:
Monday – Thursday 11am – Midnight
Friday & Saturday 11am – 1am
Sunday 11am – 11pm



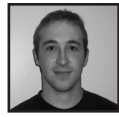
Having a Meeting, Party or Special Event? Domino's Pizza proudly accepts **ALL** Colorado School of Mines **FIELD PURCHASE ORDERS**.

*** Special pricing available on orders of 5 pizzas or more! Call today for a price quote. ***

©2006 Domino's Pizza LLC. Not Valid with any other offer. Valid only at participating stores. Cash Value 1/20¢. Prices may vary. Minimum purchase required. Our Driver's carry less than \$20. Limited Delivery area. Delivery Charge may apply. Customer pays sales tax where applicable

The Hijacking of Christianity

The View from a Christian's Perspective



Andrew Aschenbrenner
Staff Writer

What is Christianity? Do we even know anymore? In today's culture, it seems we have lost sight of what many things truly mean, including Christianity. This is evidenced by widespread distortion of religion both in the United States and abroad. Christianity is defined as "Christian beliefs or practices; Christian quality or character." It is the major group of religions that regard Jesus Christ as their leader, savior, Messiah, or similar. Along the line, it seems that some have disregarded his teachings, either unintentionally, or intentionally in an attempt to hijack Christianity.

The records we have of Jesus Christ and his teachings, whether you consider them entirely metaphorical, entirely factual, infallible, or somewhere in between, are recorded in the Bible. For the purposes of this column, I will use quotations from the King James Version of the Bible.

When I open my Bible, I find quotes from the gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John: the words of Jesus Christ. In studying, the Bible can seem to be contradictory in places. The difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament is stark. However, the Old Testament was not written for Christianity. It was written for Judaism, and should be viewed accordingly. "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). The teachings of Jesus Christ never contradict each other, and as a Christian, the words of Christ rank highest of all.

The hijackers of Christianity consistently distort the Bible to their benefit, often valuing rabbinical law and the rigid Jewish teachings of the Old Testament over the words of the Christ. They do so for one purpose: power. The weapons used are always disguised in

sensational packages, but they boil down to two things: fear and its more dangerous counterpart, hate. Nowhere can I find a single word of Jesus supporting hate or fear. In fact, what is found is instructions, and even urgings, to counteract hate and fear with love.

The fundamentalist playbook, regardless of religion, usually has two chapters. Chapter one is fear. Fear of those different. Fear of those who are unjustifiably bashed in front of congregations of the willing. Fear of the unknown. "Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known" (Matthew 10:26). Truly, it is fear of anything that might deny the speakers power. This is abuse of religion at its' most dangerous. After all, the weapon of evil is fear. "...Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?" (Matthew 8:26).

Chapter two is hate. Hate of those different. Hate of those better or worse off in life. Hate of the misunderstood. Unjustifiable hate. "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44). The pretext for this hate and fear is consistently religion, in this case Christianity. From a Christian's perspective, this is shameful.

The rhetoric of the "evil in Christian clothing" consistently involves judgement and condemnation, disregarding the very words of Jesus, who always preached the Golden Rule. "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."

(Luke 6:37). I wonder at times if people still read the words of Jesus. It's astonishing how they go against His very teachings, while at the same time passing themselves off as Christian. "...woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in" (Matthew 23:13).

Missing in the rhetoric of the hijackers is a quality central to the teachings of Jesus Christ: love. Time and time again, the Bible tells us to love more for every hate. The sinning woman in the book of Luke, who washed Jesus' feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair, was frowned upon by onlookers. Jesus, however, said the following: "Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much:

but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little" (Luke 7:47). The man who does not preach forgiveness does not preach in the spirit of Christ: "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17).

Power corrupts, and those which it corrupts usually gain a selfishness that places them at a level akin to God. Figureheads are great, but mouthpieces endanger the unknowing follower. "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Luke 16:13).

You can easily see that passing judgement and condemnation is clearly in contradiction with the teachings of Christ. So why do these

hijackers disguise themselves as Christians? Easy. Religion has long been the most-used tool to gain power over the masses. The main reason I have for writing this editorial is that these hijackers endanger both Christianity and this great nation we call America. "...Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand" (Matthew 12:25).

Whenever I get angry at those who attempt to hijack Christianity, I am reminded of the story in the book of John, where the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman caught in the act of adultery. The insight provided by Jesus is incredible: "'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.' And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, 'Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?' She said, 'No man, Lord.' And Jesus said unto her, 'Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more'" (John 8:7,9-11). If Jesus Christ wanted his followers to practice fear, hate, and condemnation, he would have instructed as such. But his instructions are very different.

In fact, he warned his followers that what we are seeing today, the distortion and abuse of Christianity, would happen. "For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things" (Mark 13:22-23).

So what is a Christian? I better have some idea, because I consider myself one. A Christian is someone who is a follower of Jesus Christ and his teachings. Christians have long been persecuted, all the way back to the days of Saul. However, this is the first time that I can see that we are being threatened by those who pretend to be the same. We are being torn to the core by a band of masqueraders.

I believe there are smart people out there. I believe that there are still true Christians out there who read their Bible and realize that hate and fear are not Christian values. And I also believe that those of us who know what it means to be Christian can take solace in the words of Jesus Christ. "...he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

Those who would attempt to gain personal and political power by hijacking Christianity will have their day. Those of us who know what it means to be a Christian can endure unto the end.



Ask Carrie and Kramer

Dear Carrie and Kramer,

I am coming down with the flu. However, I have a date with this amazing guy in a couple days. If the date goes well, he is bound to kiss me. I do not want to get him sick, since he has a test coming up, though I do not want to blow my chances by acting like a prude. What do I do?

Wavering in Weaver

How much do you like this guy, and how big of an ... ego ... does he have? If the answers to these questions are yes and a big one, then I suggest keep it quiet and hope he does not figure out you got him sick. Now on a more serious note, there are entire volumes of home remedies written by desperate housewives on how to get better. You could employ each remedy and hope that their potions work. (But usually high school dropouts do not have that much luck with chemistry.)

If the size of the "ego" remains unknown, proceed with caution. Hint at the fact that you are sick, and do your research before giving the green light. This way he can not blame you for the bad score he might get on the test, and no commitment on the horizon. Good luck, remember it is Mines and there is always another one where that came from.

Carrie Kramer

As a member of the opposite sex, I just think of scenarios that would prevent me from making the move. First off, profuse coughing is definitely a deterrent, but you run into a problem with putting him off. The trick is to preempt the first move. Maintain interest while still looking sick.

Of course, you could always do what any normal guy would do and just not care. No preemptive measures need here. Worst case scenario is that he could be dependent on you for care and then you would have a monopoly of his attention.

Now, if the guy turns out to be a complete clown and you are forced to care for him, you fail. The trick is to hold back long enough so you can gauge whether or not he's worth your time, leaving you with the cruel, but inevitable, conclusion to force him into failure with his exam.

Missouri - Enough Said



Chris Phillips
Copy Editor

Missouri, aka "The Show Me State", may soon show us something new - human cloning. That's right, human cloning is a ballot initiative for the folks of Missouri, and the thing that gets me is how the initiative actually may be passed - the most recent SurveyUSA poll, released on Oct. 24, showed that 45% of respondents are for the amendment, 36% are against the amendment, and 18 % are undecided.

Amendment 2 doesn't allow for human cloning per se. It does, however, provide for a process known as somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT), which is the heart of this debate (this method was used to clone Dolly the sheep). This requires the taking of a cell from one human and placing it inside an egg that has had the nucleus removed. After stimulating the egg, it begins to divide much like an egg that has

been fertilized naturally.

This method of in vitro fertilization forms, according to supporters, a "cluster of cells" or a "blastocyst". They then state that these "clusters of cells" merely provide stem cells that can be used to replace those of people who are sick.

Scientists, though, have used some additional terms when writing and publishing information on SCNT. The National Academy of Sciences has stated that, "Cloning using

SCNT ... leads to the formation of a 'blastocyst', or pre-implantation embryo". The American Medical Association has discussed the utilization of SCNT for a process known as "Human

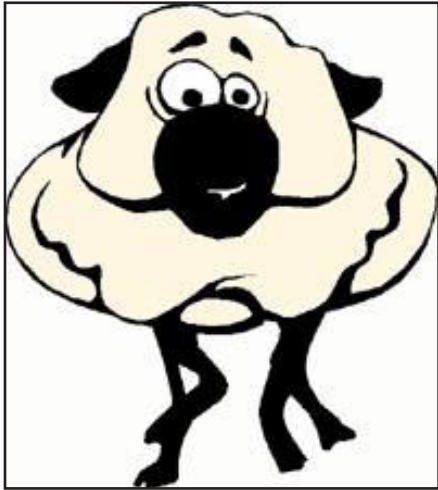
Therapeutic Cloning" where you take a sick patient's cells, form a blastocyst with them, and then replace sick cells with stem cells from the blastocyst. SCNT, in other words, provides for the cloning of

human embryos.

These sound a lot like the same things being said in two different ways to me. Hmmm... Looks like someone has been speaking to a lot of political scientists to get a ballot initiative passed that protects what many consider a less-than-ethical practice. They've fully exploited some of the tried-and-true methods of modern American politics - removal of / distance from common terms (I like to call it "lying by omission"), calling everyone against the initiative a "religious nutjob", and utilizing a celebrity for their ad campaign (in this case Michael J. Fox).

There is hope for those who don't want to see this pass. The poll cited above showed a 12% drop in support from an identical poll that occurred 12 days before (same questions and same sampling method). Also, Jeff Suppan (the NLCS MVP who helped the Cards win the World Series) has teamed up with three other celebrities and released an ad campaign stating their opposition to Amendment 2. This should greatly help the cause of those who don't want to see cloning.

In closing, I strongly urge you to research the ballot initiatives and candidates. Don't allow a celebrity and his disease or some self-proclaimed "expert" control your stance. Actually look at both sides and vote according to which one you agree with.



Courtesy Kenyon College

Arriving Shortly

A preview of the movies you are dying to see.

By Chase Hoffman
Assistant Editor-In-Chief

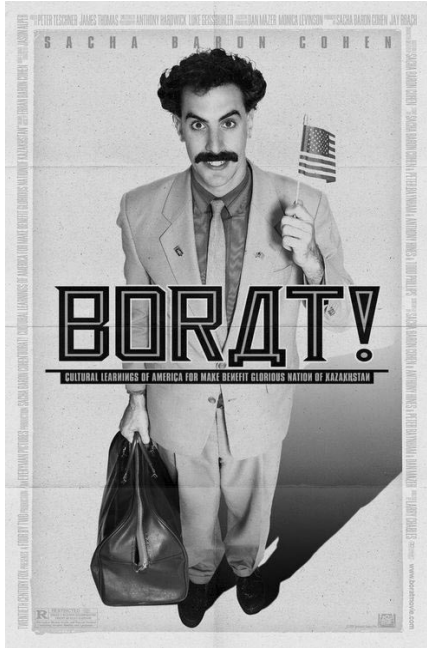
Release Date: November 10th

Santa Clause 3
Buena Vista Pictures
Children
Rated PG

Starring: Tim Allen, Martin Short
Directed by Michael Lembeck
Summary: Jack Frost is out to steal St. Nick's job so he can take back winter.
Impression: Pretty dumb if you ask me. Who the hell would want to take the hardest job during the holidays? A dumbass that's who and anyone who watches it is an even bigger dumbass.

Borat
20th Century Fox
Comedy
Rated R

Starring: Sacha Baron Cohen
Directed by Larry Charles
Summary: Borat is a famous reporter in Kazakhstan who is sent to America by his government to make a documentary.
Impression: If you love black humor and racist jokes, then my friend, your time has come. Expect offensive jokes up and down. Personally, I can't wait.

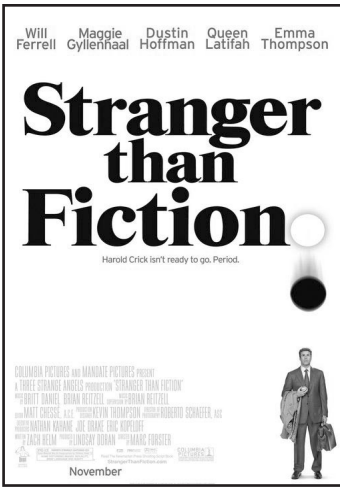


Flushed Away
Dream-Works
Children
Rated PG

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Kate Winslet, Ian McKellen
Directed by David Bowers, Sam Fell
Summary: A fancy living rat (as if there is such a thing) falls in the toilet and is flushed into the sewers of London. In the process, he meets Rita, one hot piece of rat tail and begins to fall in love.
Impression: Fancy rats and silly jokes about Brits sounds about as appealing as taking your pet turtle for a walk.
Release Date: November 17th

Stranger Than Fiction
Sony Pictures
Comedy
Rated PG-13

Starring: Will Ferrell, Emma Thompson, Dustin Hoffman
Directed by Marc Forster
Summary: A famous author (Thompson) is writing a book about an IRS agent Harold Crick. In a twist of fate, Harold Crick (Ferrell) is a real person. Harold tries desperately to prevent the book from ending so he can save his life.
Impression: Ferrell is a natural for this kind of role. Emma Thompson is a perfect fit and together they should walk into a classic comedy.



Starring: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Sam Shepard
Directed by Asif Kapadia
Summary: Her young woman (Gellar) visits a shady motel and begins to have disturbing nightmares of the murder that happened long ago. As her curiosity increases, she finds out this crime affects her even more and more.
Impression: This is the ugly bastard child of *Texas Chain Saw Massacre*, and *The Grudge*. If you want a real scare, try imagining Rosie O'Donnell naked.

Harsh Times
Bauer Martinez Studios
Action/Drama
Rated R

Starring: Christian Bale, Freddy Rodriguez, Eva Longoria
Directed by David Ayer
Summary: Gulf War vet, Jim Davis, (Bale) makes it back home to LA where he tries to become a federal agent. In the war, he specialized in brutal murders with deadly efficiency. Now, he's on the brink of sanity while toting authority that puts him above the law.
Impression: Bale is getting better and better and this dark role plays to his strengths. Expect *Training Day* but better.

The Return
Rogue Pictures
Rated PG-13

¡Proof! Now You Know!!

By Chris Phillips
Copy Editor

I recently had the opportunity to do two things: become a self-proclaimed art expert and then review the artwork for Proof – the fall 2006 art show that's on display in the Arthur Lakes Library and the upper floor of the Green Center by the Computing Center until Dec. 8.
I have to admit that I was very impressed by many of the pieces, but there were several that caught my eye more than others. Seeing as how I like categories, and the only ones were current status and medium, I decided to make up my own. So, without further ado, here are my awards for the show:
Most Confusing Piece This goes to Alexandra Barrera's "The Dragon". It mixed Chinese (maybe?) writing with other elements to create a very interesting piece that I couldn't really figure out.
Best Landscape Photograph This award was honestly one of the

harder ones for me to decide. In the end, it was a tie between Derek Thompson's "Lone Cone" and Chase Hoffman's "Abandon". Thompson's piece got an excellent review for how well he utilized shadow in his picture to provide emphasis. Hoffman's piece really takes advantage of the contrast between land and sky to



Visit the library to see the artwork your fellow Orediggers are creating.

provide something that is just visually impressive.
Most profound This award goes to Serena Gardiner's "Untitled" Acrylic. Despite the obvious "happy" emotion of the piece, I also saw a lot of possible emotions and possible reasons for the emotion from the blending that was in the piece. Whether this was intended or not I know not, but I definitely saw it there.
Best in Show This went to Stephanie Quintana's "The Ultimate Goal". I found this to be a very simple but also very elegant piece. She used pastels (one of my favorite art mediums) very well, and utilized the blending techniques in a manner that is technically sound, especially in the moon part of the piece. The other thing that I really appreciated was how personal the piece obviously was to her. The face over to the left really added to this feeling, and it also just added a lot to the piece. An A+ in my book.

Reel Geek

A film geek writes about geeks on film.

By Jen Schneider
Guest Columnist

Usually in this column I review films that my students recommend, and I recommend a classic or cult film for them to see in return. I'm not teaching my class "The Scientist and Engineer in American Film" this semester, but I know if I was, my students would have insisted I see *Kung Pow: Enter the Fist*. Below is a review of this film, followed by a review of a classic. And I'll be teaching "Introduction to Film Studies" in the spring, so make sure to keep an eye out for more "Reel Geeks" then!

My Students' Pick:
Kung Pow: Enter the Fist
(2002)

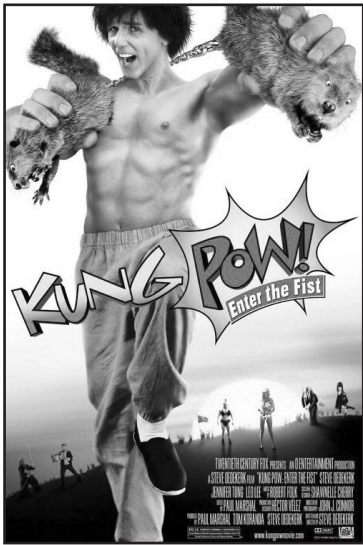
I popped this movie in the DVD player, and within five minutes I was checking the counter to see how much longer I had to go.
Kung Pow: Enter the Fist is an homage comedy. Much of the film features footage from a 1977 kung fu movie called *Tiger and Crane Fist*, which has been overdubbed and green-screened by actor and director Steve Oedekerk in order to create an entirely new story.
The new story follows The Chosen One, played by Oedekerk. It never becomes clear exactly why he is chosen, or what he is chosen for, except for the fact that his tongue has a little face on it that can talk and attack aliens (don't ask). In short, the film is light on story. No, not light: there is no story. It's mostly a vehicle for sight gags.

Which maybe is why I was itching to turn it off so quick after it started. I don't necessarily *have* to have story to like a movie, and gags, if done well, can be hilarious (see my review of *Jackass 2*). But the gags in this movie seemed tired. How many commercials, movies, and couch-bound comedians have made the overdub joke, where the kung fu master's lips don't sync up with what he's saying? I mean, wasn't that done in *Police Academy*, for heaven's sake? And yet this whole movie pretty much wholly relies on that being funny.

But it's funny only occasionally. Oedekerk does all of the overdubs, and you can tell he's ad-libbed some of it. So in that sense, watching *Kung Pow* is sort of like watching a movie with the sound off in a room full of your buddies. It's funny for a little while, but not that funny—a lot of the lines are weak, and so several scenes just come across as boring.
I guess the big deal in the movie is supposed to be the scene where The Chosen One fights off a kung fu cow, which is entirely computer generated (CG) and includes a spoof of *The Matrix*'s (1999) bullet-time technology. Even this scene is boring, though: again, how many times has *The Matrix* been spoofed? Are udders really that hilarious? I'm not so sure.
In short, *Kung Pow: Enter the Fist* probably isn't worth the rental. The jokes seem tired and the conceit isn't interesting enough to carry a full eighty minutes. The end of the movie promises a sequel, which feels more like a threat. Thankfully, the sequels didn't get funded and probably won't get made. Kung phew!

My Pick:
Kung Fu Hustle
(2004)

Just because *Kung Pow* doesn't work, though, doesn't mean that all homage comedies are bad. Stephen Chow's *Kung Fu Hustle*, made just two years after *Kung Pow*, is clever, funny, and exciting: everything that *Pow* is not.
In *Pow*'s defense, it had a much more miniscule budget than *Hustle*. But *Hustle* is a better movie for other reasons as well. The characters are quirky and funny, the movie has a story that builds on the old kung-fu-master plotline rather than discarding it in favor of chaos (like *Pow* does), and the director has shot a beautiful film, bright on color and full of style.



Like *Pow*, *Hustle* seems to begin as an homage comedy, featuring sight gags and exaggerated characters. But the gags are beautifully done, using advanced CG techniques that are delightful in their garishness, stylized and cartoonish, and they are supported by quirky characters and tremendous fight scenes. Furthermore, there is an intriguing take on the gangster element present in most kung fu flicks. If you're into kung fu movies and want an exciting and funny few hours in front of the tube, rent *Kung Fu Hustle*; it's time well spent. Leave *Kung Pow* at the rental counter.



Courtesy impawards.com

Not Just Playing Around

LOCAL THEATERS GIVE STUDENTS RELAXING OPPORTUNITY

By Lily Giddings
Staff Reporter

Are you sick of the drama of math class? Not finding the physics problems as amusing as you used to? Then maybe you should get out and watch some actual drama at Mines Little Theater or Miner's Alley Playhouse. Both companies open this weekend with *6 Rms Riv Vu* for Mines Little Theater, and *Amahl and the Night Visitors* for Miner's Alley Playhouse.

6 Rms Riv Vu is a pretty typical romantic comedy: boy meets girl while searching for an apartment for him and his wife. Boy and girl are attracted to each other, but are unsure what to do about that mutual attraction.

The situation becomes more dramatic, and comedic, as the pair experience interruptions by the nosy superintendent and a neighbor.

Christine Brady, who plays the pregnant woman, claims that the play has, "a good balance of drama and comedy. I like the dramatic parts in between the funny bits best."

The play will be showing in Metals Hall on Nov. 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$3 at the door.

Amahl and the Night Visitors is an American opera about the Christmas story. It was originally commissioned by NBC in the early 1950's, to show around Christmas time. The piece is 50 minutes long, and is characterized as "opera for beginners" by the director, Robert

Kramer.

The story is about the journey of the wise men and the night they stay with Amahl, a crippled shepherd, and his mother.

It is an uplifting story about a destitute family participating in the birth of Christ. "It's really just a play set to music," says Kramer, "but it would be a great diversion for students." The most exciting thing about *Amahl and the Night Visitors* is that it is an opera for a small space, and it's "a way of getting culture without feeling like you're getting culture."

Kramer also asserts that it "will be the place to be around Christmas, there will be caroling before the play and it should just be a wonderful experience."

The play opens on Nov. 3 and goes through Dec. 23, it will show at Miner's Alley Playhouse, above Foss's Drugstore.

Tickets will be \$18 on Fridays and Saturdays, and \$16 on Sundays. The show will start at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

If you can't make it to

the plays this weekend, Mines Little Theater will be showing another play on Nov. 10 and 11, again in Metals Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The play is called *All in the Timing* and is actually a collection of five one-act plays, regarding holes in reality that the main characters must deal with using reason.

This play is also a comedy, but not "Will Ferrell doing stupid stuff funny" according to Adam McCormick, the director. All five plays have separate casts, of two or three people each.

The first play is called Philly and deals with the nature of reality.

The second is about a universal language created by a con-man.

The third play is called "Words, Words, Words" about three monkeys typing in an effort to recreate the works of Shakespeare, specifically, *Hamlet*.

The fourth play is called "The Death of Trotsky" and features Leon Trotsky as the main character. In an interesting twist, it is the posthumous Leon Trotsky, and he is trying to deal with his own death, with the help of his wife.

Finally, "Sure Thing" or, as the audience might know it, "Ding" is a play about a new couple trying to perfect a first date. McCormick says, "Students should come because it's the best acting they will see this month."

"Students should come because it's the best acting they will see this month."

COMING SOON...

-Godsmack and Breaking Benjamin visit the Fillmore on the 11th.

-The Who rock the Fillmore on the 13th.

-Alice In Chains play the Fillmore on the 20th.

-Tenacious D visit Denver on the 22nd.

-Panic! At the Dicso come the 28th to the Fillmore.

-The All-American Rejects play the Fillmore on December 10th.

See Insert For

WOODY'S

WOOD FIRED
& PIZZA

WATERING HOLE

The Mars Volta Have Great Potential

A REVIEW OF "AMPUTECHTURE"

By Hilary Brown
Features Editor

"It lacks a human pulse," chants "Meccamputechture," song four of the recently released Mars Volta album, *Amputechture*. However, *Amputechture* does not lack that pulse. With undulating guitars, impulsive drums, and oblique direction changes, this album compels multiple listens.

The songs flow in circles, each returning to the next, though not specifically related. The release is not a concept album, in contrast to Mars Volta's previous releases, *Frances the Mute* (2005) and *Deloused in the Comatorium* (2003).

Lyrical, it is much more accessible than *Frances*. Songs address themes of religious disillusionment ("Tetragrammaton") and power struggles ("El Ciervo Vulnerado"). Listeners cannot distinguish when one song ends and another begins. This blurring of boundaries strengthens the album, allowing one to float through the music.

The Mars Volta have finally found a balance between computer distortion and driving tempos. It is a balance that hasn't been seen since *Deloused*.

Disjointed delivery, with clear premeditation, exemplifies the musicianship of the group. Latin and jazz

influences abound. The lyrics to "Asilos Magdalena" are in Spanish, and snippets of Spanish appear throughout the rest of the album.

Amputechture sounds as though the band were playing live, with acute

elements and lulls coloring the impenetrable wall of sound. Mars Volta paint an audio landscape that begs listeners to close their eyes and let their thoughts run free.

Time for you to decide if you'll like The Mars Volta. However, I think you will really like the following albums and you should check them out:

Mars Volta *Frances the Mute*

Mars Volta *Deloused in the Comatorium*

At the Drive-In *Relationship of Command*

And all you iTunes users, go Download: "Day of the Baphomets."



Above: The Album cover of *Amputechture*. Right: The Mars Volta Duo are seeing national success after the release of their most recent album.



GOLDEN BOWL

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Golden's \$1.50 New SCOOP CHINESE RESTAURANT

Healthy Food at Reasonable Prices

\$1.50 Per Item Below:

Egg Drop Soup	Beef Broccoli	Vegetable Lo Mein
Hot & Sour Soup	Beef Garlic Sauce	Teriaki Chicken
Cheese Wonton (4)	Shrimp Vegetable	Sesame Chicken
Egg Roll (2)	Mixed Vegetable	Chicken Broccoli
(veg, chicken, beef, pork)	Happy Family	Kung Pao Chicken
	Potato Pork	S&S Chicken
Vegetable Fried Rice	Sweet & Sour Fish	Chicken Garlic Sauce

Combo Meals \$4.95

#1 Broccoli Beef, Sesame Chicken with Fried or Steam Rice, 1 Egg Roll

#2 Happy Family, Sweet & Sour Chicken with Fried or Steam Rice, 1 Egg Roll

Drinks

Can.....\$0.75

Bottle.....\$1.35

Iced/Hot Tea & Water.....\$1.00

Large Drink.....\$1.50

Pitcher.....\$4.25

1 FREE EGG ROLL or 2 FREE WONTONS

With Purchase of Entree & Drink

With Coupon Expires 10-31-06

525 24th St. • Golden • 303-279-7846

Some Places We Fly:

- Albuquerque
(Just an hour away from Santa Fe)
- Austin
- Baltimore/Washington (BWI)
- Boston (See Manchester or Providence)
- Chicago (Midway)
- Denver
- Ft. Lauderdale
(22 miles to downtown Miami)
- Harlingen/South Padre Island
- Las Vegas
- Long Island
- Los Angeles (LAX)
- Manchester
(A better way to Boston)
- Miami (See Ft. Lauderdale)
- Oakland
(18 miles to downtown San Francisco)
- Orlando
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix
- Providence
(A better way to Boston)
- Reno/Tahoe
- Salt Lake City
- San Diego
- San Jose
(San Francisco South Bay Area)
- Seattle/Tacoma
- Tampa Bay
- Washington Dulles International
- West Palm Beach



\$49 to \$159

ONE-WAY WITH 14-DAY ADVANCE PURCHASE
Fares do not include a federal excise tax of \$3.30 per takeoff and landing.
WHEN YOU PURCHASE AT SOUTHWEST.COM®



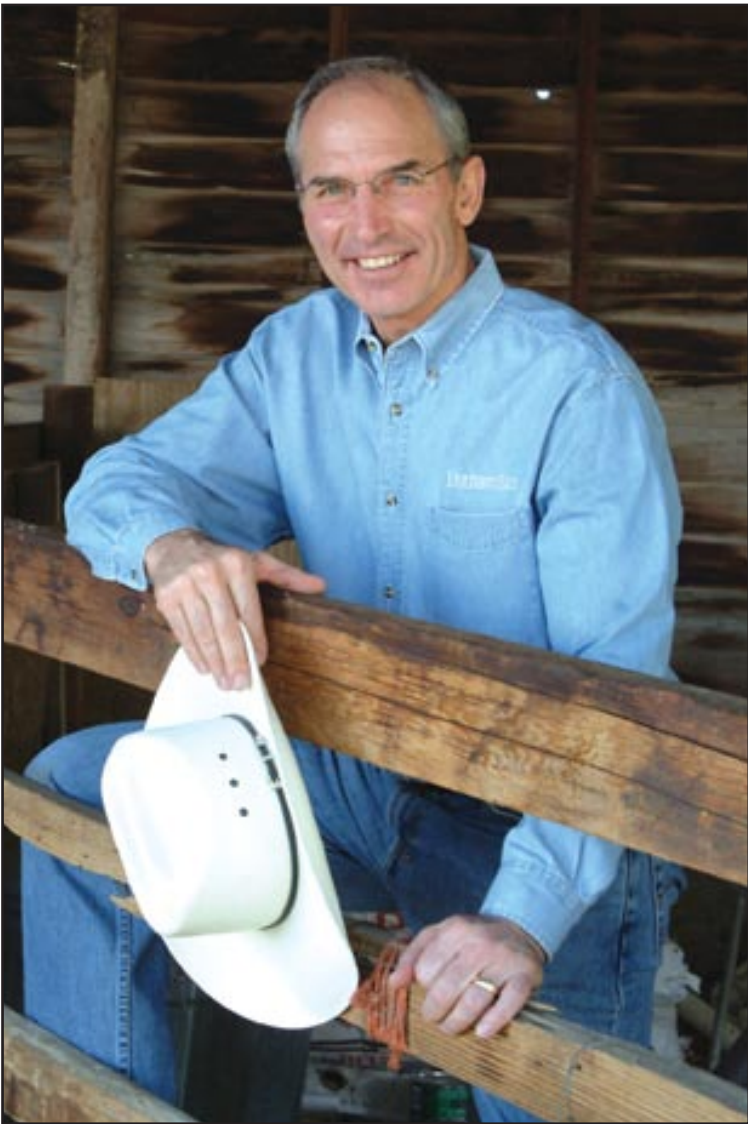
Wanna get away? Now you can. Fly Southwest Airlines for just \$49-\$159 one-way when you purchase at southwest.com. Be sure to purchase your ticket at least 14 days in advance and by November 16, 2006. Seats are limited. Fares may vary by destination and day of travel and won't be available on some flights that operate during very busy travel times.



Fares do not include airport-assessed passenger facility charge (PFC) of up to \$9 and a federal September 11th Security Fee of up to \$5 one-way per person. Published service only. Some flights operated by ATA Airlines. Tickets are nonrefundable but may be applied toward future travel on Southwest Airlines. Fares are subject to change until ticketed. Any change in itinerary may result in an increase in fare. Fares are combinable with other Southwest Airlines fares, excluding Senior Fares. If combining with other fares, the most restrictive fare's rules apply. Fares not available through Group Desk. Service to and from Hawaii excluded. ©2004, 2006 Southwest Airlines Co.

Service may not be available from all cities. Southwest-operated, published service only.

Beaprez: Keep Colorado Pristine



Courtesy BobBeauprez.com

Beaprez is definitely used to the smell of a horse stable.

By Kevin Duffy
Staff Reporter

Coloradans everywhere must step into action as Nov. 7 quickly approaches. For the last eight years, Governor Bill Owens has led this state with steadfast and dedicated leadership. Without sounding too boastful, Colorado continues to be the envy on the nation with its booming economy, excellent educational system and the beautiful Rocky Mountains. The time has come to join together in electing Bob Beauprez as governor, to ensure Colorado stays in such pristine condition.

Being a straight-thinking family man and Catholic, Bob comes to the race with a wide array of political experience and values. As all of us should know, he served as our Congressman in the 7th congressional district for the past four years. Through his leadership, he united the most divided district in the state.

Bob has always considered the individuals in his district before special interest groups. Growing up on a dairy farm in Lafayette, Colorado and working his way up in business taught Bob to focus on small businesses and the families they support. Being a third-generation Coloradan himself, Bob understands Colorado values.

A plaguing issue facing the nation today is immigration; the current problem, possible solutions and their repercussions. Without a doubt Colorado is under the same assault as California, Arizona and New Mexico of illegal aliens flooding across the border and infiltrating our society. If an individual has broken into our country without consent, then that person is a criminal. The problem is so massive and systemic that no easy

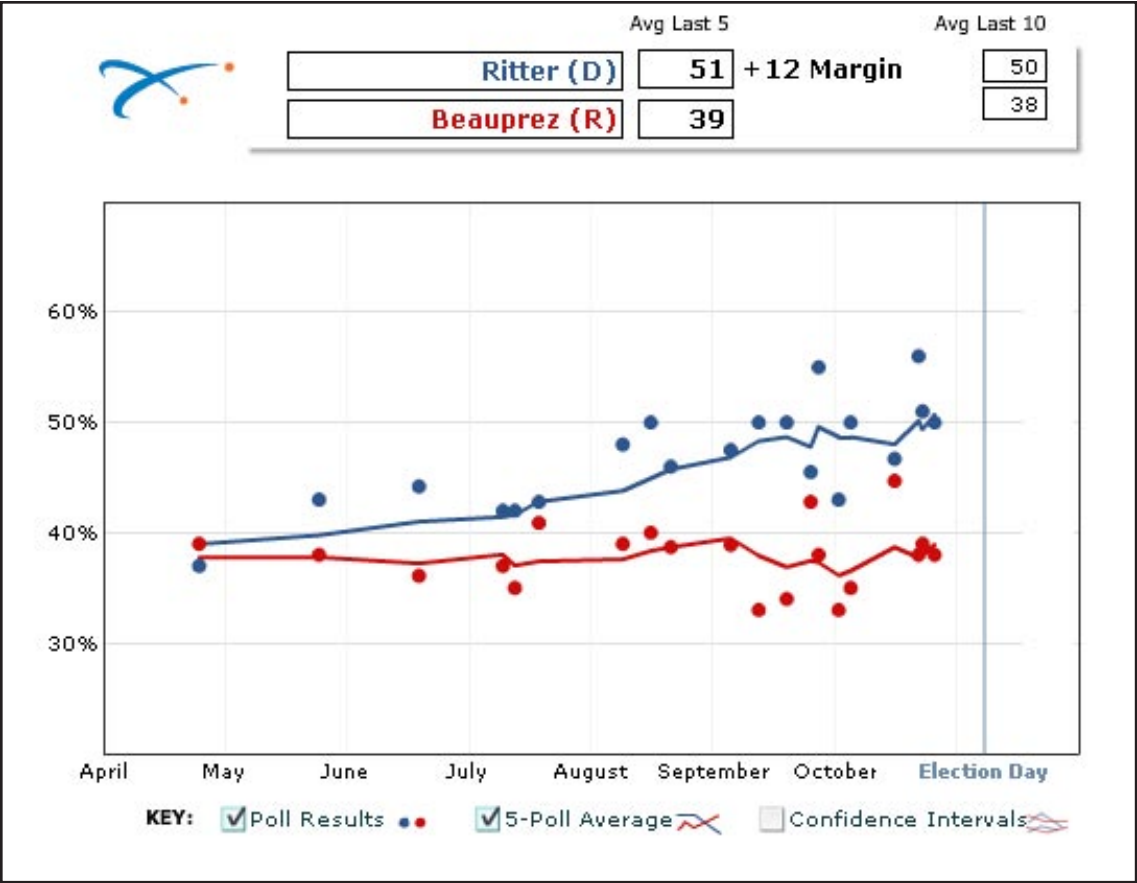
fix exists. However, Bob will stand up for traditional Americans who wish to preserve our way of life. He will work with and support immigration enforcement advocates such as Colorado's own Tom Tancredo to solve the problem now.

While still holding on to traditional values, Bob believes in pursuing alternative energy technologies and sources through his "Clean Energy Colorado" initiative. As scientist and engineers there is no question that global warming is a reality and the world contains a finite amount of fossil fuels. He presents a bold vision for Colorado in increasing wind and solar options for today's market and funding higher education to develop tomorrow's innovations.

Democrats around the country have attacked Republicans candidates as being, "Another vote for Bush's agenda." While by most measures, the second term of George Bush's presidency has been a disaster, good Republicans such as Bob Beauprez do not nod there head for Bush's approval. They stand up for true conservatism. They stand for policies of fiscal accountability, education reform, and most importantly preserving the culture of the United States of America. While Democrats such as Bill Ritter only stand up for what the poll numbers tell him in the morning, future Governor Bob Beauprez believes in core principles and morals that guide his life.

Go to the polls on November 7th and vote for Bob Beauprez not because he has an "R" next to his name. Vote for Bob Beauprez because he is an honest, hard-working Coloradan who knows our struggle and will fight for us.

Tracking Poll Standing for Colorado Gubernatorial Race



Ritter: Knowledge is Power

By Shaemus Gleason
Editor-in-Chief

In just 6 short days, the predominant opinion is that Bill Ritter will be the next governor of the great state of Colorado. He has been consistently up in the polls and that is for a reason. Bill is a native born Coloradan, growing up on a farm east of Aurora with his 11 siblings and working his way through law school. But with tuition on the rise, it is important to understand where he stands on the issue of affordable higher education, and no one is better to tell you that than Ritter himself. The following is a position paper written by Ritter on what he will do as Governor to make a higher education more attainable to all Coloradoans.

I maintain an unwavering commitment to improving opportunity and attracting more jobs to the state. Key to achieving this objective is revitalizing post-secondary education so it can be an engine for Colorado's economy. If we are to maximize the state's competitive potential in the 21st century and raise the standard of living for all Coloradans, our collective goal should be nothing short of doubling the current production of technical certificates and college degrees over the next 10 years. For too long Colorado has benefited from the in-migration of many thousands of educated employees from other states, while not reaching our potential in educating na-



Courtesy RitterForGovernor.com

Bill Ritter posing in the most natural way possible.

tive Coloradans. Unfortunately, our reliance on a workforce trained outside of the state may lead to future economic uncertainty. It is clear that, if we hope the maintain Colorado's economic superiority and resiliency, we must grow more of our own highly educated workforce. To reach the goal of doubling the number of post-secondary certificates and degrees, we must renew our commitment to affordable, accessible, and high quality public higher education.

Here is my plan to for bold post-secondary reforms intended to help enhance Colorado's prosperity and economic security.

In the next four years we must as patrons of the Colorado higher education system hold him accountable to these promises. Though if I were a betting man, I would say we will not have to because native Coloradans know a man is just as good as their word and Bill Ritter gave us his word.



Minimum Wage Increase

Amendment 42

“An amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning the state minimum wage, and, in connection therewith, increasing Colorado’s minimum wage to \$6.85 per hour, adjusted annually for inflation, and providing that no more than \$3.02 per hour in tip income may be used to offset the minimum wage of employees who regularly receive tips.

- Raises the minimum wage from \$5.15 per hour to \$6.85 per hour, and adjusts the wage annually for inflation.
- Increase the minimum wage for workers who regularly receive tips from \$2.13 per hour to \$3.83 per hour and adjusts it annually by the same dollar amount as the minimum wage for non-tipped workers.”

Colorado Marriage Amendment

Amendment 43

“An amendment to the Colorado constitution, concerning marriage, and, in connection therewith, specifying that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Colorado.”

Marijuana Amendment

Amendment 44

“An amendment to section 18-18-406(1) of the Colorado revised statutes making legal the possession of one ounce or less of marijuana for any person twenty-one years of age or older.

- Legalizes the possession of up to one ounce of marijuana for adults 21 years of age or older.”

Judicial Term Limits

Amendment 40

“Amendment 40 proposes a change to Section 1 of Article VI of the Colorado Constitution that:

- Limits the number of terms that Colorado Supreme Court justices and Court of Appeals judges, called appellate court judges, may serve.
- Reduce the term of Supreme Court justices from ten years to four years, and of Court of Appeals judges from eight years to four years.
- Requires appellate court judges who have already served ten years or more to leave their current position in January 2009.
- Requires appellate court judges who are eligible to serve another term to appear on the November 2008 ballot for retention.”

Ballot Information
Provided by
Votesmart.org

School District Spending

Amendment 39 and Referendum J

“Two ballot proposals establish requirements for school district spending. Amendment 39 proposes a change to Section 17 of Article IX of the Colorado Constitution. Referendum J, a legislative proposal, proposes a change to the state statute. Voters may choose to vote for one, both, or neither of the proposals. Neither proposal is dependent upon the passage of the other. If both proposals pass and any provision of Referendum J is found to be in conflict with a provision of Amendment 39, then that provision of Referendum J will not be enforced. Both proposals:

- Require each school district to spend at least 65 percent of its operating budget on specific items beginning in the 2007-08 school year, although, the items are different in each proposal.
- Require any school district that spends less than the 65-percent threshold to increase its spending on the specified items by two percentage points each year until the threshold is met.
- Allow a school district to request a one-year waiver from the spending requirement.
- Allow the legislature to sanction any school district that fails to comply with the spending requirement.

Additionally, Referendum J:

- Allows voters to exempt a school district from the 65-percent requirement.
- Requires each school district to submit an annual budget in a standardized format to the state.”

Immigration Lawsuit

Referendum K

“Shall the Colorado state attorney general initiate or join other states in a lawsuit against the United States attorney general to demand the enforcement of all existing federal immigration laws by the federal government?

Referendum K proposes a change to the Colorado statutes that:

- Requires the state of Colorado to sue the federal government to demand enforcement of existing federal immigration laws.”

Domestic Partnerships

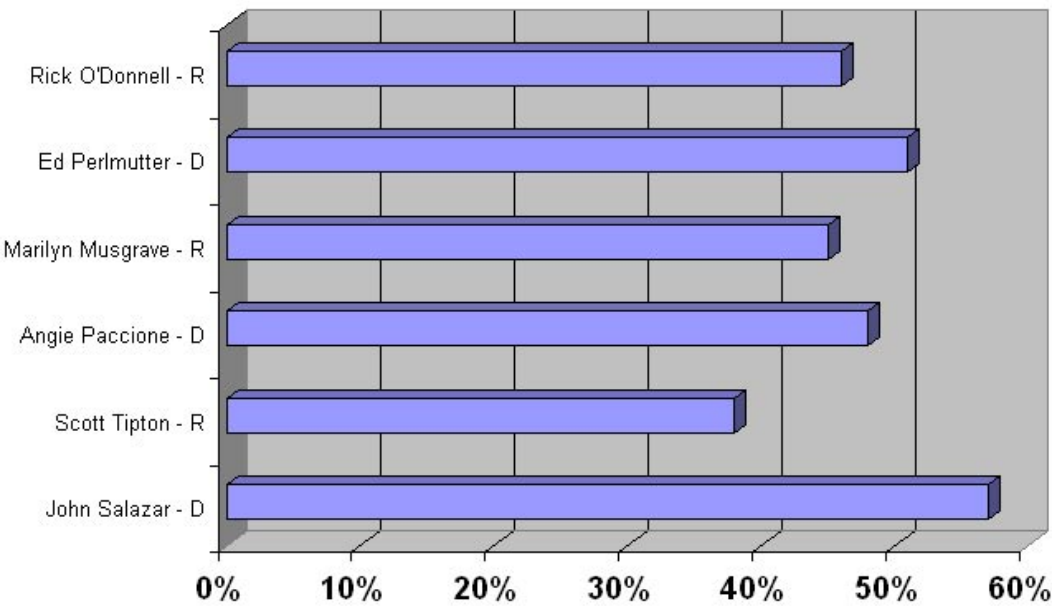
Referendum I

“Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Revised Statutes to authorize domestic partnerships, and, in connection therewith, enacting the ‘Colorado Domestic Partnership Benefits And Responsibilities Act’ to extend to same-sex couples in a domestic partnership the benefits, protections, and responsibilities that are granted by Colorado law to spouses, providing the conditions under which a license for a domestic partnership may be issued and the criteria under which a domestic partnership may be dissolved, making provisions for implementation of the act, and providing that a domestic partnership is not a marriage, which consists of the union of one man and one woman?

Referendum I proposes a change to the Colorado statute that:

- Creates a new legal relationship, called a domestic partnership, providing same-sex couples the opportunity to obtain the legal protections and responsibilities granted to married couples by Colorado law.
- Defines the criteria and process for entering into a domestic partnership.
- Specifies that domestic partnerships are not marriage and do not change the public policy of the state, which defines marriage as only the union of one man and one woman.”

Polling by 9 News and SurveyUSA



Get Out And
Vote!

Gwyn Looking for Voters' Green Light

Zach Aman
Editorials Editor

Gwyn Green, Colorado State Representative for the Golden area, is in a heated reelection race for the 23rd district.

Many issues are pivotal in today's political climate. In Colorado, legislation regarding domestic partnerships and the legalization of marijuana top the hot-button issues while healthcare and renewable energy remain points of cultural contention. Representative Green recently took a moment out of her campaigning to demarcate her personal and political stance on these issues.

Regarding Referendum I (domestic partnerships), Green said, "I am very much in favor of that — I believe in equality. Part of the fear mongering going on right now is that Referendum I means marriage and it doesn't, it's all about equal rights."

On Colorado's proposed amendment legalizing marijuana, Green commented, "I really had to think about that one. Marijuana today is more addictive than it was in the 60s and I'm very concerned about the these qualities. If someone is really relaxed on marijuana and they're driving down the road, I don't want to be on the road with them. Having said that, putting a prison term on someone for having marijuana would be entirely inappropriate."

Green believes that, despite the political hype surround the aforementioned legislation, the *most* important issues facing Coloradans are healthcare and renewable energy. "I'm a medical social worker and I ran for the House of Representatives to get down the cost of healthcare. I passed legislation last year that is now a law that expands coverage over uninsured community centers. I've also co-sponsored legislation to get less expensive medication."

Second on Green's political list is the elimination of the United States' dependance on foreign oil. "Even with the great find that the US has made in terms of oil, it's not nearly enough. We cannot continue to rely on foreign countries for our oil supply. I think that this dependance places us at a real disadvantage and we need to start looking at alternative energies. That's a tremendous job market right there! We need to be developing them in the US and especially in Colorado."

"I signed onto the energy platform because it's so important. It would increase the use of bio-fuels, solar, and wind power, so we don't have to rely as much on electricity and natural gas. That's where my interest is. That's what I want to develop. That's the kind of thing that we need to be working on."

There has been an extraor-

dinary amount of mudslinging against Green in the past few weeks. She responded, "It is hard for me to understand how someone could deliberately set out to destroy a human being. I think anyone with honor would never do that." Green continued to describe the effect of 527s on the political process, "By law, candidates cannot talk to people in the 527s and they can't coordinate their campaigns with the 527s." Even though candidates can set the record straight, they can't confront the 527s about content. "It puts the candidates in a difficult position. The theory is that if you throw enough mud against the

wall, some will stick."

Regardless of the troublesome political landscape throughout the nation, Green remains optimistic about the local community, "I've always been a strong supporter of the Colorado School of Mines. I'm so proud of having this school in our city and our district. I'm a very strong supporter of higher education. Since Referendum C passed, we have put an extra 253.4 million dollars into higher education. To me, higher education is a centerpiece of what I'm about."



Zach Aman/Oredigger
Representative, Gwyn Green, laughs while being interviewed by an Oredigger reporter. The elections are Thursday, Nov. 7.



Re-Elect

Gwyn Green

State Representative, House District 23

She's One Tough Granny Who works For Us!

Endorsed by Senator John Edwards, Representative Mark Udall, Bill Ritter and others

Creating New Solutions For A New Century

Increase use of biofuels to reduce our dependence on foreign oil
Increase use of renewable sources of power to 20% by 2015
Increase energy efficiency programs
Incentives to manufacture NREL-developed alternatives

Supports National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Her House Resolution helped restore 40 to 100 jobs at NREL

Booster for Higher Education

\$253.4 million for students from Referendum C
Stabilizing higher education through adequate funding
Keeping companies and jobs here through higher education

Partnerships Between CSM & Community

Noise relief study by a CSM Senior Project Benefited H.D. 23

Gwyn Green Wants To Know YOUR Concerns!



This Tough Granny will listen to you.

www.gwynngreen.com

303-281-8954

Paid for by Re-Elect Gwyn Green for HD 23, Dan Green Treasurer.

Sustaining Sustainability at Mines

By Natalie Wagner
Guest Reporter

When thinking about sustainability, many students ignore the Mines

campus, but it's time they began to pay attention.

"There is a lot of activity on campus in regard to energy conservation. High efficiency lighting retrofits, variable volume laboratory ventila-

tion, night temperature setbacks, heat recovery systems, evaporative cooling and day lighting have all been incorporated into new construction efforts. Existing buildings have had retrofit projects to

reduce energy consumption," said Mike Bowker of Plant facilities.

The overall energy use on campus is being monitored by the people in Engineering and Energy Management (part of plant facilities), and the total consumption has been reduced by 44% based on projections made in 2003, said Hooshang Salehizadeh, P.E., and member of the Engineering and Energy Management team at Plant facilities.

This has been accomplished by the school's use of steam, retrofitting the campus to comply with a progressive energy policy that has been enforced through the utilization of a sophisticated monitoring system, with meters in every building, and guidelines for new construction.

Many of the school buildings use steam from Coors Brewery for heating and cooling. Since Coors uses coal as its energy source, the price is constant and does not involve relying on foreign sources of fuel. Back in 1998, there was momentum to stop use of CFC (Chlorofluorocarbons) in the Air Conditioning

(AC) systems and to start using energy resources responsibly.

Currently, the energy use monitoring system keeps track of energy consumption and relates it to past figures to find any discrepancies. CSM is able to respond in a day to energy wasting problems whereas CU, DU, and CSU are all running on 6-month maintenance schedules.

Additionally, the energy use for the buildings is automatically controlled in relation to class schedules (this strategy has been in use for the last four years) so that when a room is not in use, no energy will be used for lighting, etc. Another item of interest was pointed out by Tom McKinnon, in the Chemical Engineering department and a founding member of the Presidential Committee on Sustainability, is "that faculty had more people interested in serving on the Sustainability Committee than the Senate could appoint (three vs. two). Thus, for the first time that I

can recall, the Senate needed to have an election to fill committee slots (usually we are forced to beg and plead to get anyone). That shows some real interest in sustainability on the part of the faculty."

This was mirrored in the recent ASCSM meeting where three undergraduate student representatives were nominated to serve on the Presidential Committee on Sustainability. The current bylaws allow for one graduate and one undergraduate student, In addition to the eight faculty and staff members.

Aside from energy use reducing practices related to the campus buildings, there are many projects around campus in various departments involving sustainable systems and appropriate technology. If you are interesting in learning more about these efforts, please contact Natalie Wagner at nwagner@mines.edu. Or, if you would like to learn more about CSM's energy policy or plant facilities, check out their website at <http://www.is.mines.edu/plant/>

Building Operating Systems

		
CLASSROOM and LABORATORY AIR HANDLING UNITS	CLASSROOM and OFFICE VAV SYSTEM	STEAM FIRED ABSORPTION CHILLERS
		
LABORATORY FUME HOOD VAV SYSTEM	STEAM UTILITY and HOT WATER HEATING SYSTEM	ELECTRICAL UTILITY DISTRIBUTION
		
LABORATORY FUME HOOD EXHAUST SYSTEM	STEAM DISTRIBUTION	BUILDING AUTOMATION CONTROLS

Courtesy CSM Plant Facilities

CSM Plant Facilities saves energy in all building operating systems.

"Total consumption has been reduced by 44%"

Get the Facts!

How Does Mines Save Energy?

Energy Saving Strategies-New Construction

•**CTLM:** (completed 5 years ago) uses day-lighting dimming controls, ventilation set back with occupancy sensors (these control both lighting and ventilation), CO2 control for outside air (directly measured and automatically adjusted), won a Colorado Renewable Energy Society award for new construction, and used mostly recycled materials with the doormats from recycled tires, and stone from local quarries.

•**CTLM addition:** will use day-lighting, direct evaporative cooling in addition to what is found in the main CTLM.

•**GRL** - variable volume controls on lab exhaust (also used in Hill Hall and Coolbaugh Hall), heat recovery system using exhausted air as a heating source for incoming, fresh air (also used in the field house)

•**Student Recreation Center** – day lighting, direct/indirect evaporative cooling (this building will have no mechanical heating/AC whatsoever).

Campus-Wide Energy Saving Strategies

•**Digital Temperature Control Strategies** - unoccupied mode for temperature setback and reduced ventilation, variable speed drives on fans allows for variable air volume, automated use of outside air for cooling when temperatures allow.

•**CFC use Reduction:** the majority of the campus uses steam driven absorption chillers, this eliminates CFC's and reduces electrical demand.

•**High efficiency lighting:** the retrofit of campus academic buildings with T8 lamps and electronic ballasts has been completed. They are now in phase 4 of the lighting scheme. Dimming ballasts are controlled by daylight sensors in the CTLM and Recreation Center. Occupancy sensors turn lights off when room has been unoccupied for 10 minutes.

•**Laboratory ventilation:** variable volume ventilation control based on room temperature and/or fume hood sash position. Occupancy sensor at fume hoods to reduce flow when a person is not present in front of the hood.

•**Outside air control:** large spaces with variable

Your Tatoo Says What?

Geek of the Week

By Katie Kocman
Staff Reporter

Name: Becca Johnson
Major: Geophysical Engineering
Year: Sophomore
Hometown: Arvada, Colorado

What does your tattoo say?

And GOD said $\Sigma F = ma$

Does it include vector symbols?

No, it didn't look good and the important part is the concept.

So what's the story behind your tattoo?

So, one day in Physics I, Professor Kelso said there was potential for an "A" if anyone got a tattoo of Newton's second law. I decided I

would do it if I didn't have to pay for it, so my friends pooled the money (By the way, I didn't need the tattoo to get the A).

If you could put another scientific tattoo on your body what would it be?

Actually, two of my friends and I are planning on eventually getting little pi symbol tattoos. However, right now I could use some physics II equations down my forearm.

What's your best geek joke?

What did the liberal arts major say to the engineer?

What?

Would you like fries with that?

What's the geekiest thing you've ever done?

What, besides the tattoo?

Yes.

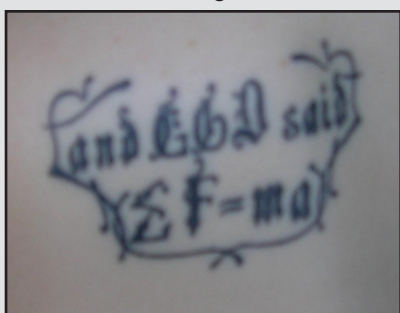
Well, I celebrate Pi Day and I own tons of Star Wars action figures.

Besides the Star Wars action figures, do you own anything else that is extraordinarily geeky?

I own a complete line of clothing including a physics shirt, geology shirt, debate shirts, Darth Vader shirt, etc...

What's the geekiest thing you've seen at Mines?

Either LAN (Local Area Network) parties, or our band "splitting the atom." In case some of you don't know what LAN parties are, it's when a bunch of guys get together with their laptops and play WOW (War of Worlds)



Courtesy Becca Johnson

Who ever said that physics equations don't make great tatoos?

in the same room while yelling at each other in some completely incoherent language.

What are your thoughts on the ratio?

It doesn't bother me. I was always 'one of the guys' growing up. However, I don't think girls should try to take unreasonable advantage of it.

What's the coolest 'thing' in science?

Volcanoes. The 1980 Mt. St. Helens eruption was equivalent to filling Yankee stadium with dynamite. It doesn't get much more awesome than that.

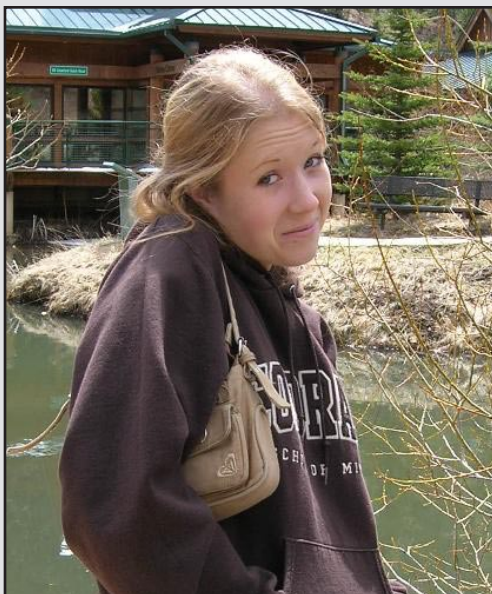
What's your favorite math 'thing'?

Symmetry. As unrealistic as it can sometimes be, it makes life so much easier.

What are your post-college plans?

I hope to go to graduate school. Eventually I'd like to have a career in geohazards.

Email oredig@mines.edu to suggest the next Geek of the Week



Courtesy Becca Johnson

Becca Johnson deserves an honorary 'A.'

Castle of Cans

By Chase Hoffman
Asst. Editor-in-Chief

Did you ever doubt that food donations amounted to anything? Well, now you can see for yourself exactly how those non-perishables stack up, and you can participate too.

Castle of Cans is a food drive that is sponsored by Order of Omega, Student Activities, the Mines Community and Food Bank of the Rockies. The goal is to collect as many cans as possible and then participate in CANstruction. Participants are given one day to build of a structure of their design.

The purpose is not simply supplying the needy and hungry, but also to raise awareness about hunger and to promote community involvement.

Teams can begin collecting food as soon as Oct. 16 and on Nov. 17 at 7:00 am at Kafadar Commons, they can begin CANstruction. At 2:00 pm, the structure is weighed and recorded. Teams can gain double pounds by collecting highly needed items which

are specified as baby food, cereal, macaroni, dried potatoes, stuffing mix, rice, canned fruit, meals-in-a-can and peanut butter.

CANstruction regulations require that only prepackaged cans and food items (any size permitted) may be used in the structure. The structure must be self-supporting, and only cardboard or foam board (for leveling), rubber bands, and tape may be used for support. The structure must be built in a 7'x7'x7' area.

For more information, visit the Student Activities Office.

Quick Reference:

Castle of Cans

When: November 17, 2006

Where: Kafadar Commons

What: Weigh-Ins of donated canned goods and CANstruction projects

Thank a Veteran

By Chris Phillips
Copy Editor

24.9 million. That's approximately how many veterans currently live in the United States. Veterans Day, one of the most overlooked holidays on many people's calendars, is coming up on Nov. 11. The dual-purpose holiday — to celebrate our veterans and remembering the end of World War I — will be marked with parades, concerts, and other memorials in the public arena.

Veterans Day originated in Emporia, Kansas in 1953. The citizens decided to replace their annual Armistice Day celebration, which marked the end of WWI, with a celebration to thank all of those men and women who served. This idea rang true with many American hearts and on June 1, 1954 President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill officially changing "Armistice Day" to "Veterans Day".

The Oredigger recently sat down with Terre Deegan-Young from Student Development to discuss her participation in Vietnam.

Deegan-Young served as a "Donut Dolly" through the Red Cross from 1970-71. She later worked with an adoption agency that assisted half-American, half-Vietnamese children from 1974-75. Because of her work assisting the servicemen and women of our country, she was later named an Honorary Colonel.

When asked about her role as a "Donut Dolly", Deegan-Young explained that although the term sounds derogatory, it was actually a term of endearment that was first coined in World War II. Their WWII equivalents brought donuts to the troops out on the front line, and thus they began being known by the term "Donut Dolly".

Her role, she said, "was to provide what we called 'supplemental recreation'. [The Donut Dolls] would provide recreation, counseling, and simply talk to them. We would ask Trivial Pursuit questions, play volleyball and horseshoes, discuss the news and take their letters home to our headquarters so that they would get back faster."

This recreation would take place at the Fire Bases, or artillery camps, where infantry would be sent to for a couple of days of down time. The Dolls would ride on helicopters to the Fire Bases in teams of two for a few days at a time.

"We were like their moms and sisters," Deegan-Young said. She continued, "They (the grunts) told us that we were their connection to 'the world'. On the few occasions where we came under fire, we felt that we were safe with them around."

The interview then shifted to why she went. Deegan-Young explained that her parents were pro-war and many college students were anti-war. She had recently graduated college, and wanted to find out what she honestly felt about it.

She decided to go with the Red Cross because, she admits, she isn't very good at taking orders and probably would have "mouthed off" and ended up in jail".

Deegan-Young also shared several stories about her experiences. She told the Oredigger that the Donut Dolls often met with the politicians and

That episode, "showed that there was no way this guy could make a good judgment about the war in a two day visit."

other dignitaries who came over to "make a judgment about the war."

During one of these occasions, she explained, a visiting Congressman fell into a urinal at one of the Fire Bases that was made out of a

can that had been placed underground and covered with a thin metal screen. That episode, "showed that there was no way this guy could make a good judgment about the war in a two day visit."

Coming home was something that took Deegan-Young, like many others who have served overseas, a long time to acclimate to. She related how she was anxious while in the dark for a long time and that she had to get used to all of things that she hadn't seen in a year. Also, the treatment was similar to that of the grunts.

"Even though we hadn't fought, we were looked at like baby killers" she said. Also, there

were few people who you could talk to about your experiences and actually be understood. She did, however, make many lifetime friends while serving, and brought back many things that have helped her to grow and change in a positive direction rather than a negative one.

So, how does she feel about war and the military now? She said, "I am generally an anti-war, pro-peace type of person. Don't get me wrong, though, I am a staunch supporter of our military personnel. You shouldn't judge someone simply based on whether or not they served in the military."

Veterans Day, she said, will be mostly contemplative. Deegan-Young will probably get out some old photos and letters, talk to a few close friends, and just reflect on her service.

Terre Deegan-Young isn't the only one who has served, though. Her story is simply one of many — common, but unique. Individual, but comparative to many others. It is a myriad of good and bad thoughts, emotions, and experiences. As the saying goes, "If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read this in English, thank a veteran."

Computing Gender Balance

By Hilary Brown
Features Editor

Everyone knows that there aren't many women on the Mines campus. Dr. Tracy Camp, of the Computer Science department, thinks that needs to change. She is a well-known promoter of women's issues in Computing.

In addition, Dr. Camp is internationally known for mobile computing/networking and promoting women in computing. She leads the Toilers, a networking research group through the Computer Science department.

As the faculty advisor for ACM-W, an organization dedicated to encouraging women in computing, Dr. Camp invites many woman speakers to the campus. She is also involved in N^2 Women (Networking Networking Women), a group to help connect women in computer networking to one another.

Dr. Camp mentors several junior faculty, twelve graduate students, and five undergraduates. Informally, she mentors a large number of women, both on and off the Mines campus. "She taught me that you have to be good in technical field and she taught me how to be good," said Arta Doci, a PhD student and advisee of Dr. Camp.

"Being a woman in computing, from a personal perspective, the number of women is very small. Many times it is hard to find a mentor in such a field and there are a lot of other issues-social issues with regards to diversity that need to be addressed

drastically" said Doci.

Oredigger: How did you get involved in computing?

Dr. Tracy Camp: I have a math undergraduate degree and, when I was a [college] senior thinking about careers, I knew I didn't want to be a statistician or an accountant, any of the traditional jobs that come with a math degree. I always liked my computing courses.

What challenges have you faced as a woman in computing?

In general, not specifically for me, there are certainly challenges being in a male-dominated field.

At conferences, the percentage of women is very small, so there is a challenge in how to fit in. When I'm at a table with nine men, I have one conversation. When I'm at a table with five

men and four women, we have a completely different conversation.

The amount of stereotypes makes it very hard for women considering computing or engineering fields. You have to have a hard shell and be confident that you belong here.

How do you help women students succeed in computing?

I always try to be a good role model. I do a lot of mentoring for students and faculty inside and outside of Mines. I like helping people learn from the mistakes I've made so that they don't repeat them.

What do you focus on when you advise students?

I usually have lots of advice that I'm willing to give. I have different

sets of advice for whoever I'm talking to, whether it is a student, grad student, or faculty member.

For undergrad students, I encourage them to apply for internships. I think, in general, women have a little less confidence than their male counterparts and they need that extra encouragement. If I find a good internship, I'll pass it on to a student.

Many studies show that just a bit of encouragement goes a long way, so I take that extra time.

I hear you are also an environmentalist...

I feel strongly about it. I'm always recycling things. I have piles around my office of things to be recycled. My husband and I recycle everything, including printer cartridges.

We're depleting our resources at a very fast rate, anything that anyone can do helps. My three-year-old already knows what goes in the recycling bin and what goes in the garbage.

Is there anything else you'd like to say?

The number of students in computer science has dropped by 50% since 2000. When the dot-com bust happened, everyone assumed there were no jobs in computing.

But, there are 17% more jobs in IT than there were at the height of the dot-com boom and the number is expected to grow. Computing companies are scared that they won't be able to get the employees they want because no one's majoring in computer science. The drop has affected women more than men.

Students majoring in computer science today will have tremendous opportunities when they graduate. This is especially true for women because so many computing companies understand the need for a diverse team in order to create a better product.



Courtesy Tracy Camp
Dr. Camp mentors and gives advice to women in computing.



Picture of the Week

Brianna Rister lets her inner-cowgirl out while riding Blaster.

Chase Haffman/ Oredigger

SMOOTH & CREAMY • MADE FRESH DAILY • SMOOTH & CREAMY

True Happiness and...

50% Off

**JOIN US TUESDAYS
AFTER 5:00 pm for
STUDENT NIGHT!**
Discount good on Love-It,
Gotta-Have-It, or Pint size
Creations™. ID must be
present.



COLD STONE
CREAMERY

14239 W. Colfax Ave
(303)-215-9364

SMOOTH & CREAMY • MADE FRESH DAILY • SMOOTH & CREAMY

Commercial Space Flight in Business

By Jason Fish
News Editor

The stars are getting closer as a new incentive for space exploration takes off at the Colorado School of Mines. Lunar Ventures, a national competition started by the Center for Space Resources (CSR), was launched a few weeks ago.

The competition involves small teams of students from universities around the country each designing a plan to create competitive business in space. "We already have several teams signed up," said Dr. Angel Abbud-Madrid, Director of CSR. The time is right for such a competition and anticipation about success is high.

"There's an emerging space commerce field," said Abbud-Madrid. "In the last few years we've seen more and more news about private companies and individuals getting into space commerce."

Several years ago, the Ansari X PRIZE was offered by the X PRIZE Foundation, for the first non-government organization to launch a reusable manned spacecraft into space twice within two weeks. Won by the Tier One group in October, 2004, the successfully flown plane, SpaceShipOne, sparked interest in a cheaper alterna-

tive to the traditional space shuttle transportation.

Other entrepreneurs such as Elon Musk and Sir Richard Branson have made their own claims in this new field of exploration. In 2001 Musk founded SpaceX, a start-up company focused on decreasing the cost of access to space and making space transport more reliable.

Along with his many other endeavors, Branson founded a space tourism company, Virgin Galactic, in September, 2004 making use of the technology of SpaceShipOne to take paying guests on suborbital tours.

While Branson's price is out of the range of many consumers, a ticket on one of his space planes would be far cheaper than booking a flight on a NASA shuttle.

Lunar Ventures teams won't be launching any rockets right away though. The goal is to formulate and present a winning business plan to get people into space. "It's not just limited to the Moon," said Abbud-Madrid. "The plans can be geared towards a variety of locations such as Earth



Courtesy Wikipedia.com

SpaceShipOne flies ahead in space tourism ventures.

orbit or Mars."

Abbud-Madrid believes this competition is very important for the future of space exploration. "We have to start targeting space commerce business." A working combination of government and private company support is necessary to achieving these goals. As a Research Partnership Center, funded by NASA, CSR is working with the government to put on this competition.

According to Abbud-Madrid, teams from several colleges including MIT and the Colorado School of Mines

have already signed up and are creating their plans. Cosmic Frontiers (CF), a CSM team started by student Mike Raevsky, is taking on the challenge.

Currently, CF is planning to use private sector interest to fund space exploration by asking companies like Coca Cola and Nike to advertise their products in support of the project.

"Lunar Ventures is a great opportunity for us, as students, to delve into space exploration," said Raevsky.

Cosmic Frontiers already has a dozen members and is hard at work on a competitive plan. "[Space exploration is] the highest thing we can aspire to and I'm excited to see what the other teams come up with."

The teams must submit a letter of intent on Nov. 1 to officially join the competition. By Dec. 1, they must have a working idea on paper. Business plans are due in February 2007. Ten semi-finalists will be selected and the competition will be held May 19-21,

2007 at CSM.

The Grand Prize is \$25,000 and a chance for a \$100,000 investment to make the plan a reality. In addition to hosting the competition, CSR is getting help from the school for student teams.

"We will have the teams from CSM present their projects to the Entrepreneurship class in the Economics and Business Department for a critique," said Abbud-Madrid. "Presentation is very important."

By creating Lunar Ventures, CSR is seeking innovative ways to continue their mission of tapping off-world resources for scientific and commercial benefits. "We are focused on the resources available in space and on the Moon and beyond," said Abbud-Madrid. CSM has a rich history of resource analysis and excavation and CSR's goals align well with the skill sets on campus. Getting students involved ensures the success of profitable space endeavors.

There are fliers posted around campus about Lunar Ventures to catch student interest. Deadlines are flexible but teams are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. Those interested can find out more at www.LunarVentures.org.

"Lunar Ventures is a great opportunity for us, as students, to delve into space exploration."

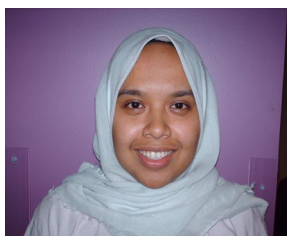
Food and Fun

Check Out Mines International Day

Every year in the fall semester, the International Student Council (ISC) at Mines, along with the support of the International Student Office and Office of International Programs, organizes an event called International Day.

This event not only attracts the Mines community to explore the diversity that international students at Mines have to offer, but also attracts other residents of Golden and nearby towns to get a taste of various food from different countries around the globe.

This year, international day will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the same location as previous years in our campus, the Green Center. International Day event consists of two sub-events: food event and cultural show.



Javier Goñi-Senra/ Oredigger
Linda Mohammad wants you to explore the diversity that international students at Mines have to offer. International Day is Nov 11 at 4:00pm.

The food event starts at 4.00 p.m. in the Friedhoff Hall (basement of Green Center) and will last until 6.30 p.m. International students at Mines, representing approximately 30 different countries will be cooking their traditional cuisines and share them with the guests. The cost of this food event is \$0.50 per food coupon and will be at the entrance of the hall on the event day itself.

Later that evening, our guests are cordially invited to experience another multicultural ambience in Bunker Auditorium (first floor of Green Center) where the cultural show event will take place from 7.00 p.m. and will possibly last for two hours.

The doors to Bunker Auditorium will be opened for seating at 6.45 p.m. During the show, performers will present traditional dances, songs, and some musical performances using traditional instruments from five to eight countries.

For ISC officers this year, we have a good array of students represented from different countries and backgrounds. We have two returning officers and four new faces ready to serve the purpose of this organization:

We are looking forward to International Day this year and hopefully we will see you there!!!

-Linda Mohammad

President, International Student Council 2006/2007, Colorado School of Mines

Meet the International Student Council Officers (2006/2007)

President: Linda Mohammad (Malaysia)

Vice President 1: Indar Singh (Trinidad & Tobago)

Vice President 2: Omar Sharaf (United Arab Emirates)

Treasurer: Daniel Syazwan Ahmad Kamil Shahperi (Malaysia)

Secretary 1: Javier Goñi Senra (Spain)

Secretary 2: Hazwani Rameli (Malaysia)

Hey Good-Looking Let's Get Cooking

It's time to learn how to cook with easy (and yummy!) recipes from the Oredigger. This time: Pumpkin Spice Cake

With November here at last, it's time to celebrate with Fall's premier ingredient: Pumpkin. Pumpkin is a type of squash harvested during the Fall. If you can remember back that far, it's what you carved at Halloween. It's time to expand your repertoire from carving to cooking.

Here's what you need:

A large mixing bowl

A spatula

An electric mixer

(or a strong arm)

A large spoon

Microwave-safe pan

Non-stick spray

Microwave

Two eggs

One can of pumpkin

One package Spice Cake (near cake mixes in the grocery store)

Here's what you do:

1) Beat the eggs in the large mixing bowl

2) Pour the can of pumpkin into the eggs and mix well

3) Add the Spice Cake mix in several increments. Stir until combined.

4) Coat the microwave-safe pan with non-stick spray. Pour the batter into the pan and spread evenly.

5) Place the pan in the microwave and cook for 12-18 minutes, depending on the strength of the microwave.



Hilary Brown/ Oredigger

Bake a seasonal favorite with Pumpkin Spice Cake.

Good Decisions Behind the Bottle

By Hilary Brown
Features Editor

The results of the PA alcohol surveys are in. According to the numbers, one-fifth of Mines students never drink alcohol during the entire time they are enrolled.

Along with facts showing that drinking is decreasing, the surveys are used as a learning opportunity for students in physical activity (PA) classes.

“College itself has that stereotype of partying, but statistically, there are a lot of people drinking responsibly or not at all,” said Terre Deegan-Young, who works in the Student Development and Academic Services Office.

Year after year, surveys yield consistent results. Students typically expect much more drinking from fellow students than actually occurs on campus. 42% thought that most students drink 2-3 times per week. However, 78.3% of students drink once per week or less.

“Mines students really do make good choices, the question now is what do you do when your friends make bad choices?” asked Deegan-Young.

When students were asked what they would do if their friend was getting drunk and out-of-control, 48% said that they would “encourage my friend to slow down or stop drinking

for the rest of the party.”

49% said they would talk directly to a friend who they suspect of having a drinking problem. “Mines students overwhelmingly choose to do something for their friends,” said Deegan-Young.

Surveys are used to affirm that students make good choices, to prevent incidents involving alcohol, and educate students about the resources available on campus. During the class, students received cards detailing information about the symptoms of blood-alcohol poisoning.

Many students are aware of the dangers of alcohol, 60% answered correctly that alcohol is the leading killer of people between the ages of 18 and 24.

Results show that peer pressure plays only a small role in students’ drinking. Only 3% of participants said that they drink because “everyone else is doing it.”

The surveys are organized and completed by the Student Development and Academic Services Office. Their goals include promoting posi-

tive messages about college life and educating students about the symptoms of blood-alcohol poisoning.

Surveys are given in a classroom style format. Students answer via remote control “clickers.” The results for the class are shown in real-time and percentages of answers are displayed.

The class is also used to address student goals. 35% said that “making friends with a diverse group of people” was the critical decision that they would work hardest towards achieving while in school.

In early September, PA101 students listened to a talk by Will Kiem in Bunker Auditorium. Kiem is a motivational speaker and has presented at Mines several times. He speaks each year because of the positive responses of students, 78% thought the presentation was either “Great” or “Good.” His presentations talk about scholarship, service, peacemaking, spirituality, and patience.

The class addressing drug and alcohol use, which included the alcohol survey, was held the following week by sections of the PA classes.

“Mines students really do make good choices, the question now is what do you do when your friends make bad choices?”

Projects Abound

EPICS from Page 1

Also, EPICS students participating in this contest will be competing with Senior Design students.

Some student groups are also trying to develop solar units for southern

farms. Farmers in these areas are not making enough money to cover the energy costs of running a farm, and regular solar units do not provide enough energy for an entire farm. As a result, the farms are being shut down.

Internationally, students are attempting to develop alternative dyes for Peru. The traditional art of making Peruvian dyes is disappearing because the process is energy inefficient. Several teams are trying to find a better way to produce the dyes, or find new dyes for use.

Locally, students are working for the betterment of Applewood and Tabernash. The Applewood golf course is

Taste of the Survey Scene

Question 9: When you drink, why do you drink?

20% It helps me relax or de-stress.

18% It helps me be more social or funny.

3% Everyone else is doing it.

15% It tastes good.

43% I don't drink.

548 students surveyed

Educational PowerPoint Slide

78.3% drink alcohol once a week or less

Most (60%) reported drinking 0-4 drinks at a party or bar

78.2% of Mines students NEVER use marijuana

A VAST majority of Mines students (98.4%)

NEVER use other illicit drugs

700 students surveyed

GRADUATE STUDIES

**Engineering
and
Technology
Management**

Join us!

<http://etm.mines.edu/>

The best of both worlds

Enhance your technical undergraduate degree with a Master of Science in Engineering and Technology Management (ETM). A growing number of engineers and scientists have taken advantage of this unique graduate business education program.

Join us for an Info Session & Reception to learn about the benefits of the ETM Program and to meet the ETM faculty, students, and alumni.

- Tuesday, November 9th at 5:30 p.m.
- Student Center, Ballroom C
- Refreshments will be served
- Please RSVP to kfeighny@mines.edu

Fellowships Available




Division of Economics and Business • Colorado School of Mines

New Art in Town

DAM from Page 1

the wide-open faces of the people of Denver,” said Libeskind.

This inspiration led to the idea of two lines folding on to each other without touching. The end result is the modern building that stands erect in the heart of the Civic Center Cultural Complex. The outside is covered with 9,000 titanium panels, and modern sculptures grace the entrances to the building. The Hamilton Building also incorporates a balcony into its design. The balcony wraps around the western side of the building, providing a scenic view of the mountains and the Denver

skyline to the visitors.

Libeskind also brought the exterior design inside, designing the interior with slanted walls and awkward shaped rooms. These untraditional dimensions lend interesting displays for textiles. The large square footage provides plenty of room for gigantic displays of modern art, which fill most of the space in the Hamilton Building.

People with more classic taste should wander into the North Building, the original Denver Art Museum. The North Building contains the Spanish Colonial and European Art.

Solid Ground?

HOLE from Page 1

was placed underneath it in case a leak occurred. The area was then re-compacted and re-paved.

Unfortunately, this did not solve the problem. The area sank again. This time it was less dramatic and dropped only 6-8 inches. The area was stabilized by injecting grout into the ground. The retaining wall was stabilized, some bluegrass was eliminated and replaced with cobble, and a set of sprinklers was removed. Water contributing to this problem most likely comes from Lookout Mountain.

Last spring, another sinkhole appeared near the freshman parking lot. It was well defined and about 15

feet deep. The water was not visible, but one could hear water running below. This running water probably undermined the soft fill. The sinkhole was filled with grout. West Campus Road was checked for stability. Grout injection was attempted, but the rock under the road is very tight so it would not take.

Most recently a crack has developed in the same area. It has not sunk yet, but the tension on the asphalt is noticeable. There is subsurface water in the area and it travels along the paths of the sandstone fins.

Areas in danger are the IM fields and the freshman parking lot.

Astronomy Club

Ever watch the sky? Come join the Astronomy Club and learn basic astronomy! Our meetings are Thursday at 7:00 pm. Contact Mark Gefreh at mgefreh@mines.edu

CMI

Campus Ministry International. Dealing with life's tough questions. Sexuality, Relationship, Ethics, Spirituality and more. Monday nights, 7:30 p.m. SC-C. For info cmi.csm@gmail.com or (303)499-9965

CRU

Campus Crusade for Christ. Thurs. @ 8 in SC-D. Everyone welcome, join for worship @ 7 before meetings.

Circle K

Circle K is a volunteer org. helping people. Got tons of projects, just need you! Contact jrisner@mines.edu.

Dance Team

Interested in dancing? Offers both beginning and advanced classes in: jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and tap. Times & directions, for info contact hbrown@mines.edu.

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Wed. meets at 7:30 Student Center Ballrooms D&E. All welcome. jwells@mines.edu.

French Club

A social club where Francophones have an opportunity to speak to each other, celebrate French events, promote French culture on campus. If you are interested, please send an email to kgengenb@mines.edu.

ISEE

International Society of Explosives Engineers. Contact jgresham@mines.edu. 6pm, 3rd monday of each month, exact date and location TBA (email for details). We have monthly meetings with speakers from many different industries. All students are welcome to attend meetings, www.mines.edu/academics/mining/csm_isee

Juggling Club

Meets Thursdays at 5:30pm on the Kafadar commons. The CSM Juggling Club is dedicated to advancing the juggling skills of all its members. We teach our members everything from a simple three ball cascade, to club passing, and then encourage them to learn upwards of nine balls. If you're interested, show up to a meeting, or contact Michael at mdunlap@mines.edu

Karate Club

Meets every Moday and Wednesday Night, from 6:30 to 7:00 pm in the gym wrestling room. All levels of experience, from beginner to advanced, are welcome! For more information, contact Jason Dardano at ddardano@mines.edu.

Kendo Club

Where: Field House
When: Wednesday, January 25, 2005 8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.
Anyone who is interested should attend; we will provide all the information necessary. Practice is open to all skill levels, no experience necessary. A great opportunity to exercise, improve coordination, and have fun.

MSEC

Materials Science and Engineering Club meets Friday in HH 202 at

noon. Lunch is provided for members, and guest lecturers will be speaking. All majors invited to join. jeperkin@mines.edu.

Newman Group

Catholic Newman Group. Meets every Monday at 7pm in the Ted Adams Room of the Green Center for faith based discussion and community. ccooper@mines.edu for more info.

ORC

Outdoor Rec. Center. Recreation, equipment and lessons. Visit ORC next to C3 store in Mines Park. Hours: Mon. Wed. and Fri. from 10-6, Tues. and Thurs. from 12-6. 303-273-3184

PHATES

Peers Helping Aid in Tough Everyday Situations. "We are listening..." Dedicated to listening to your problems. Mel Kirk, Student Development Center 303-273-3377.

PreMed Society

We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 5 pm in HH211. Contact wsvoboda@mines.edu.

SCA

Students for Creative Anachronism. Fencing meets Thrus. 7-9 in the Field House. Belly & court dance Tues. 7-9 in SC. dhoberec@mines.edu.

Sigma Lambda

1st and 3rd Tuesays of Every Month in Library Boethcher Room. EVERYONE WELCOME: gay, bisexual, transgendered & allies. sigmalambda@mines.edu.

Sober Drivers

Need a ride home on Fri. or Sat. night between 9 pm & 3 am? Kappa Sigma Sober Driver Program 303-279-9951. Must be within 15 min. of campus.

SEB

Society of Economics and Business. Meetings are held bi-weekly in EH 211 with guest speakers from the working world. The speakers talk about their experience and give insight into the real world of business. Food and drinks are provided at the meetings. Questions? Contact Sarah Casias at scasias@mines.edu.

SWE

Society of Women Engineers. Hear from speakers in industry, universities etc. on topics affecting women & students at Mines. Weds. 12 CO 209 jnekuda@mines.edu.

Club Tennis

New members welcome for info, email Megan at mshibao@mines.edu.

Women's Ultimate

Come out and join the Women's Club Ultimate Team. This team was founded in 2005-2006 and is looking for women who want to both have fun and learn about ultimate. No prior skill required. For more information and practice times/locations contact Terra Williamson at tewillia@mines.edu or Jennifer Nekuda at jnekuda@mines.edu.

Ski Team

Looking to continue racing in a relaxed fun environment or just an excuse to go skiing more? Join Ski Team! Email croe@mines.edu for info.

Earthworks and the Student Sustainability Council

Earthworks and the Student Sustainability Council promote environmental awareness and sustainability at CSM. Joint meetings at noon in CO room 208 on Nov. 3 and 17, Dec. 1 and 15. Contact earthworks@mines.edu.

Academic Dates

Last day to drop a class for FRESHMEN, NEW TRANSFER, and NEW GRADUATE students is December 1st

Last day to apply for December 2006 graduation is November 15th - Undergraduates only

Late applications for May 2007 graduation – undergraduates

Spring 2007 Registration during the week of November 13th

Help Wanted

Not afraid of pick and shovel? *Little old lady needs help with her garden. Must plant tulips now, before snow flies. ASAP. Call 303.216.1931. \$15/hr.

Writer needs a Mac guru.* Do you know everything there is to know about Macintosh? You're my guy. . .or girl! Call 303.216.1931. \$20/hr.

Victory Is In Sight
We need you to help us make a difference. Help Democrats Win. If you are interested in phone-banking or canvassing please contact victory 2006 at 303-232-2491 or at www.coloradovictory2006.com

Lost diamond. If you lost a diamond go to <http://denver.craigslist.org/> and do a search for "lost diamond".

Emergency Resources

All Life-Threatening Emergencies: 911
Public Safety
Public safety concerns, suspicious incidents, crimes & emergencies 1812 Illinois Street (NW corner of Illinois & 19th) 303-273-3333 24/7
Student Health Center
Routine medical and dental issues 1225 17th Street (SE corner of Elm and 17th) 303-273-3381 8 am -12 pm & 1 pm - 4:45 pm M-F
Student Development Services
Personal, academic, career, and crisis counseling. Student Center, Suite 8 (behind the Cashier) 303-273-3377 M-F 8-5
Jefferson Center for Mental Health
303-425-0300 24/7
National Suicide Hotline
Suicide and crisis intervention hotline 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433) 24/7



Governor Line

↑(D) Bill Ritter* (3-1)
Time is Ritter's true enemy at this point; just needs to keep head down for few more days
↓(R) Bob Beauprez* (12-1)
Source in BeauprezGate is revealed, but despite strong spin, damage has been done

(R) Marc Holtzman* (OFF)
Campaign ends on 6/22 when last of legal challenges fails

Attorney General Line

↑(R) John Suthers* (3-2)
Should never have been this close; may have fight in '10
↓(D) Fern O'Brien* (25-1)
If Fern had raised any money she might have had a shot

Treasurer Line

↓(R) Mark Hillman* (4-1)
Hillman won't have money to match Kennedy on television
↑(D) Cary Kennedy* (4-1)
This will likely be the closest race of all the statewide fights

Sec. of State Line

↑(R) Mike Coffman* (4-1)
Picks up big news endorsem, but can he match Ken in \$\$?
↑(D) Ken Gordon* (5-1)
Ken's commercials are clever & memorable and could do it

(R) Gigi Dennis (OFF)
Said no go to run on March 7

CD-7 Line

(D) Ed Perlmutter* (2-1)
Polls consistently show Ed is well ahead of Rick, and RODs weak messaging will help out
(R) Rick O'Donnell* (5-1)
Rick has run two races this fall - one against Perlmutter & one against his bumbling self

CD-4 Line

↑(R) Mar. Musgrave* (2-1)
Musgrave hammered Angie early and often, and by the time AP responded...too late
↓(D) Angie Paccione* (7-1)
Angie had the money, and EE ran strong as Reform, but she just didn't run very good race

Σ THE OREDIGGER ditorials

Editorials Policy

The Oredigger is a designated public forum. Student editors have the authority to make all content decisions without censorship or advance approval.

oredig@mines.edu

Shaemus Gleason, Editor-in-Chief
Scott Bromley, Entertainment Editor

Chase Hoffman, Assistant Editor-in-Chief
Bruce Bugbee, Sports Editor
Hilary Brown, Features Editor

Julianna Sipeki, Business Manager
Konrad Klett, Assistant Sports Editor
Chris Phillips, Copy Editor

Zach Aman, Editorials Editor
Jason Fish, News Editor

Shattering the Glass Wall

Why We Will Vote For Referendum I

Toni Lefton Sue Tyburski



Guest Columnists



"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed, second it is violently opposed, and third, it is accepted as self-evident."

-Arthur Schopenhauer

"Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider."

-Sir Francis Bacon

The shrill sound of the phone cuts through the sleeping house. I stumble towards the light switch and catch the call on its eighth ring. There's been an accident; Amanda is in intensive care. "I'll be right there," I promise and hurry to my car. Lea is waiting outside the ICU, face pressed up against the glass wall that separates her from her partner, the love of her life for the past fourteen years. The glass wall is both the physical barrier between Amanda's bed side, the sterile cave that houses the machines and tubes, and the figurative barrier that keeps Lea on the outside; her rights to visit her partner and make medical decisions hang on the periphery.

Next week, two related items concerning the rights of same-sex couples will appear on our ballot—Amendment 43 and Referendum I. Colorado voters will be presented

with two contrasting alternatives: to restrict or to protect the basic rights of these couples. Because of the effect of these decisions on our society, and as a reflection of our basic values as Colorado citizens, it is crucial to understand the key differences between these two measures before voting.

As a poet and as a lawyer, respectively, we bring two different backgrounds to this issue. However, we share—along with other citizens—a love of our country's core values of freedom, fairness and equality. Referendum I, which grants "domestic partnership" rights to same-sex couples within our state, springs from the heart of those values. Amendment 43, in contrast, will make it more difficult for same-sex couples to achieve the legal status of "marriage," and ensure that some citizens of our state remain more "free and equal" than others.

Amendment 43 is a preemptive strike against extending equal rights to same-sex couples. It is part of a dangerous trend by special interest groups to limit citizens' rights, rather than establish or expand them, via Constitutional amendments. One of the key purposes of a constitution is, to borrow a phrase from John Stuart Mill, to protect the basic legal rights of individuals from "the tyranny of the majority." The Bill of Rights, contained in the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution and extending constitutional protection for, e.g., freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of religion, as well as the right to bear arms, is a standard example of this key principle. Such individual freedoms constitute the cornerstone of our democracy. In our pluralistic society, we should not allow these freedoms to be eroded by

Continued on Page 5

Photo of Jamiee Zeyzus (below), Kathleen O'Boyle (above)

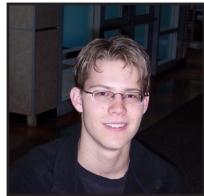
MINES PERSPECTIVES

"Do You Support Domestic Partnerships?"



"Yes. I see no problem with domestic partnerships. There should not be one set way for two people to show their love and make it known."

Josh Ribera



"Yes. I don't really see that the state has any right to interfere in the private lives of citizens."

Kurt Strovink



"Yes, because it's their right as a person."

Rachel Nii



"No. I believe it's a bad influence on younger generations. It's the same concept as marriage but with a different name."

Galen Craddock

Settling for "Almost Enough"



Rick Barnes
Staff Writer

First and foremost, allow me to put forth the facts of Referendum I. This bill, which is put to the state voters on November 7th, was created to allow the legal existence of same-sex partnerships. This "domestic partnership" measure allows same-sex couples several legal rights that are not currently available to them, such as the removal of any prejudice in the state's adoption system. I will

not delve into the area of same-sex couples raising children, but know that I am strongly against the immediate plunge into it. We already have MTV, we do not need Adam and Steve telling our children that its 'okay' to not procreate.

Since the creation of the United States, the people of our nation have been all about equal rights. It started with the prohibition of slavery, the suffrage of women, and now we are pushing to make same-sex partnerships socially acceptable. My question, however, is why settle for Referendum I?

Referendum I gives many great things to same-sex partners, allowing hospital visits, the right to make medical decisions for one another, health insurance through a partner's workplace, and the right to make funeral arrangements for a deceased partner. It does not, however, allow a same-sex couple to file joint tax returns.

To vote yes on Referendum I, it would be a sign that the same-sex partners in Colorado have decided to settle for "almost enough." It shows that they have given up the fight for equality, and will take whatever they

can get right now. I am not advocating a "no" vote on Referendum I simply because I don't support same-sex partnerships. I am supporting a "no" vote on this act because equality should not be stopped short. All citizens of the United States should be given the same rights and the same opportunities. A person's sexual orientation, even if a bit confused at times, should not play into the basic rights that our constitution grants us. It should not keep a person from being happy. Vote "no" on Referendum I, and give the people what they have been fighting for many years.

-Anonymous

Incremental Steps On the Road to Equality

Continued from Page 4

any select group. In his classic essay "On Liberty," Mill explains the importance of protecting individual freedom from governmental or societal interference. He argues that the law should provide "protection ... against the tyranny of the prevailing opinion and feeling; against the tendency of society to impose ... its own ideas and practices as rules of conduct on those who dissent from them." He urges that the law should "limit ... the legitimate interference of collective opinion with individual independence," and concludes, "to find that limit, and maintain it against encroachment, is as indispensable to a good condition of human affairs, as protection against political despotism." Nurturing and providing space for individual freedoms in our society may be challenging but they are essential to prevent us from sinking into a homogenized, autocratic state. The laws we pass should promote, not denigrate, these democratic ideals.

Our Colorado Constitution should not be abused by allowing special interest groups with power and influence to insert specific restrictions on citizens' rights. Gender does not pre-determine love. Lea and Amanda's relationship does not undermine our own marriages. Their commitment, the way they laugh together, dream, plan for the future, the way in which they communicate teaches us about love. It pulls us into their private lives and makes us want to fight for the basic legal status of committed, happy adults. Why would we want to discourage any individuals from caring for and responsibly committing to each other? Wouldn't fostering such com-

mitment strengthen the social fabric of our communities?

In contrast to Amendment 43, Referendum I appears on our ballot at the specific request of our elected representatives to the Colorado General Assembly. In passing the "Colorado Domestic Partnership Benefits and Responsibilities Act," the legislature made the following declaration:

The General Assembly declares that the purpose of this article is to provide eligible same-sex couples the opportunity to obtain the benefits, protections, and responsibilities afforded by Colorado law to spouses consistent with the principles of equality under law and religious freedom embodied in both the United States Constitution and

the Constitution of this State.

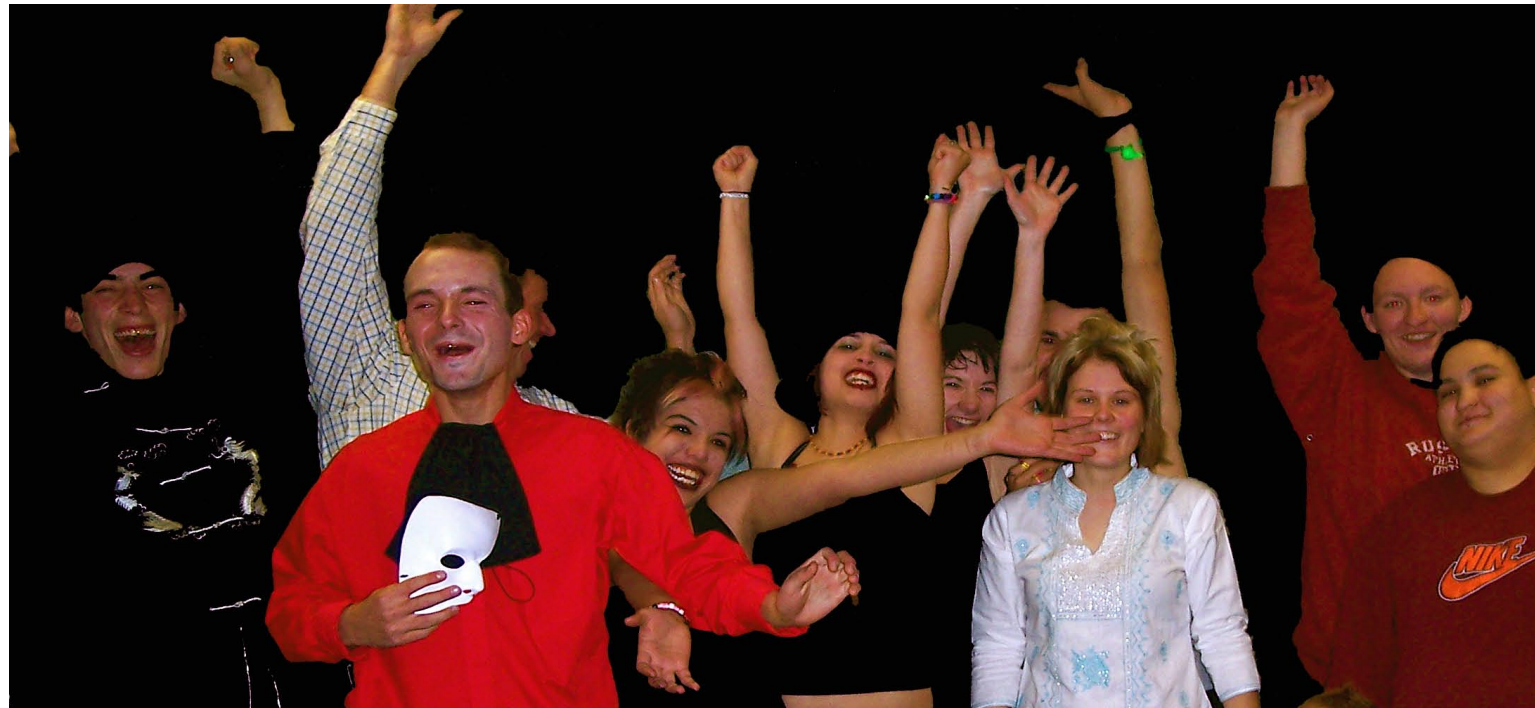
As a group, our elected representatives have specifically endorsed the goals of "equality" and "religious freedom" sought by this proposed law. Our responsibilities to our spouses, our families, should not be greater than the responsibilities and protections that are denied to same-sex couples. Visiting a partner in the hospital and having direct access to the medical staff's expertise, making medical decisions, funeral arrangements, and nursing home care should not be restricted because of the couple's gender.

Referendum I would establish an alternative legal relationship entitled

"As prior civil rights struggles have demonstrated, the road to equality is paved with incremental steps."

"domestic partnership," provide a legal registry for such domestic partners, and extend many of the legal rights enjoyed by spouses to properly registered domestic partners. These rights would include the inheritance rights of spouses, as well as the ability of domestic partners to receive state benefits currently available only to spouses, under Colorado law. Referendum I will extend these legal rights to same-sex couples, without bestowing the full social, cultural and religious status of "marriage" on such couples. Unfortunately, specifically excluding same-sex couples from obtaining the full status of "marriage" sounds a lot like the "separate but equal" status assigned to African Americans in a once segregated society. However, as prior civil rights struggles have demonstrated, the road to equality is paved with incremental steps.

The way in which we love the person we choose to spend our lives with should not be civilly constrained. Lea must be given the legal right to move into the room and hold her partner's hand, to discuss the choices and make the appropriate decisions for Amanda's long term care, to bring her home, to heal together. Referendum I achieves a workable compromise: respecting the religious beliefs of a large number of citizens who believe that "marriage" should only be between a man and a woman, while affording same-sex couples equal treatment under state law. Isn't such compromise the essence of democracy—protecting the rights and respecting the values of all citizens in our community? Because Referendum I is a balanced measure protecting the rights and values of all citizens in our pluralistic society, it deserves our full support.

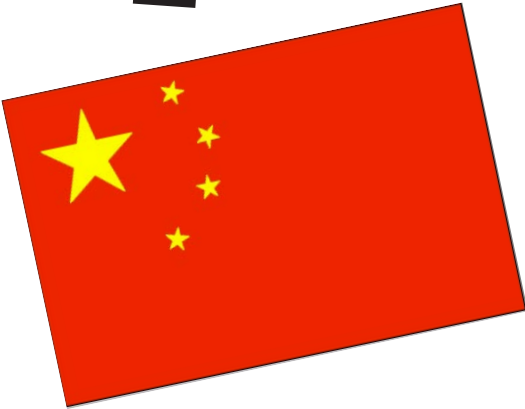


Number Theory

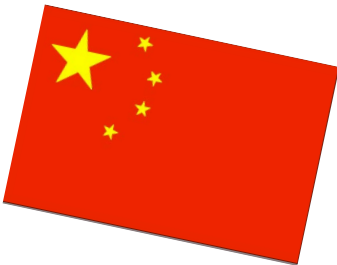
of IF
prisoners =
in US



of AND
prisoners in
Communist
China =



THEN



Potent Quotables



“I think they’re in the last throes, if you will, of the insurgency.”

- Vice President Dick Cheney, on the Iraq insurgency, June 20, 2005.

“He is exaggerating the effects of the disease, he’s moving all around and shaking and it’s purely an act.”

-Rush Limbaugh Commenting on an ad done in support of stem cell research by Michael J. Fox.



“stem cell research has yielded little success and continues to demonstrate inherent biological problems that make treatment for human disease unlikely.”

-Rep not Dr Duncan Hunter (R-CA), giving his opinion on stem cell research. He also announced last month he will be seeking the Republican nomination for president in 2008

“Smoking does not increase government’s expense of providing health care (it actually decreases it because smokers die much earlier).”

- Montana Senate candidate Stan Jones in his position paper. his blueish Hue is due to him taking “a silver solution to boost his immune system in the late 1990s after he became concerned about a possible shortage of antibiotics after the year 2000.”



In The Next Issue

SKI SEASON

